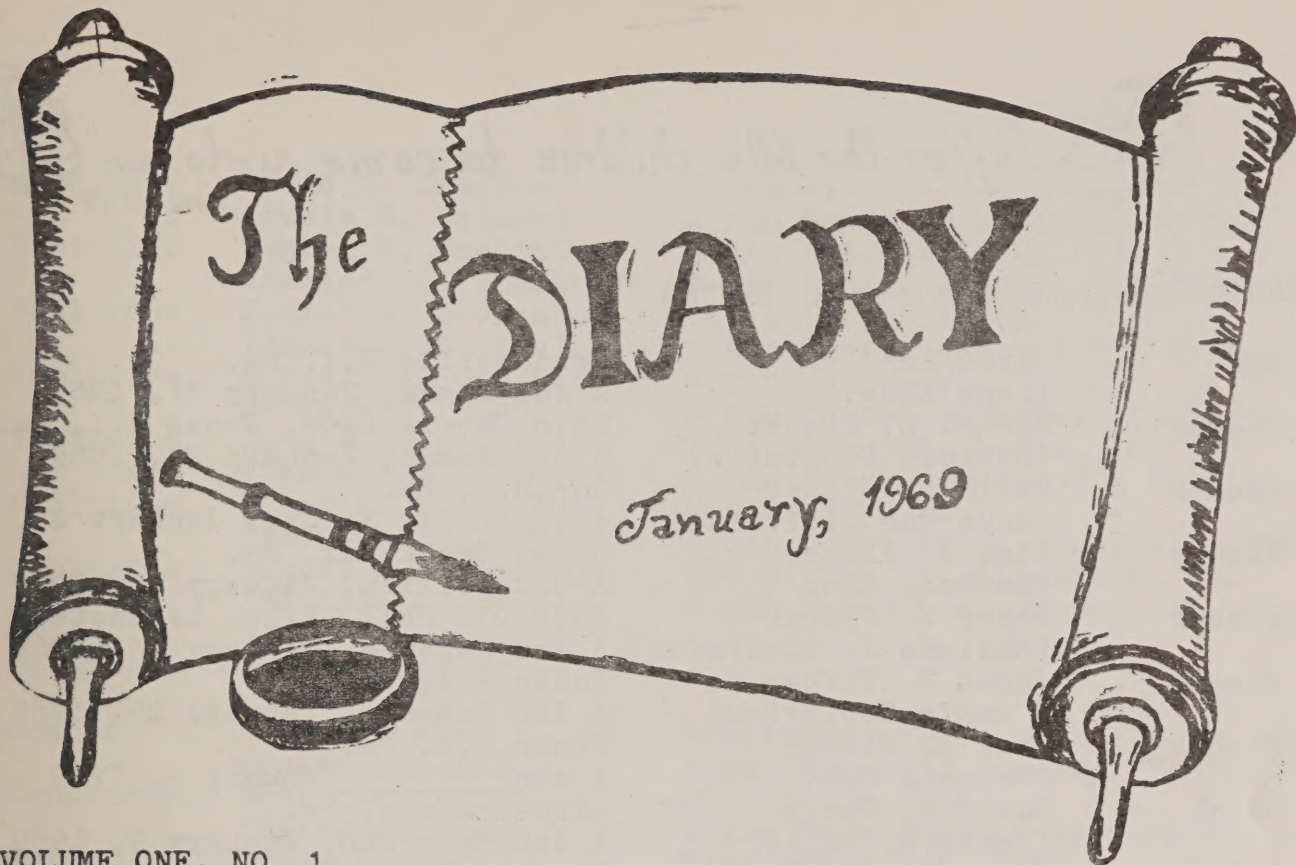


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17 YR OLD YOUTH KILLED IN SAWMILL MISHAP

Death came suddenly and unexpectedly to the family of Henry U. Stoltzfus, Honey Brook, R.2, Pa. on January 27 when their son Chester, an employee at a nearby sawmill was operating a payloader industrial machine. According to reports his blade was stuck and while decending to assist it, his coat accidentally pulled a lever that released the load and pressed his body between the main arms and the body of the machine. He was killed instantly and outside help was needed to release his body.

8 YR OLD GIRL DIES OF RARE BLOOD DISEASE

Mary, daughter of Sam Esh near Gordonville seemed to be in normal health until about New Year when she was noticed to become weak and frail. On a Friday she stayed home from school but still worked with courage and good cheer. She sent out Bible greetings to her friends. That evening she complained of severe headache, her speech faltered and her eyesight grew dim. She was rushed to the hospital where she died of a brain hemorrhage the following evening.

"This World is not My Home" is a song she loved to sing. While the songs "Gathering Buds" and "The Last Mile of the Way" are the songs she helped to sing on her last day of school.

Let us remember our bereaved ones in prayer



"Suffer the little children to come unto me"

Mark 10:14



Lancaster County, Pennsylvania BIRTHS

Esh	Aaron Esh (Lena King)	Gordonville R.1, Pa. A dau Linda, January 31, 1969 2816 Cherry Lane, Ronks R.1, Pa.
Fisher	Benuel L. Fisher (Rebecca Stoltzfus)	A son Isaac, January 24, 1969 Gap, R.1, Pa.
Fisher	David E. Fisher (Anna Mae Stoltzfus)	A son David E. Jr., January 28, 1969 Honey Brook R.1, Pa.
Fisher	Elam E. Fisher (Barbara King)	A dau Lillian, January 29, 1969 2322 Old Phil. Pike, Lancaster, Pa.
Fisher	Henry K. Fisher (Malinda J. Stoltzfus)	A dau Susanne, January 15, 1969 Ronks R.1, Pa.
Fisher	Jonas E. Fisher (Annie Stoltzfus)	A dau Rebecca, January 14, 1969 Ronks R.1, Pa.
Fisher	Omar S. Fisher (Rebecca Esh)	A son _____ January 5, 1969 Bird-in-Hand, Pa.
Glick	David E. Glick (Katie R. Beiler)	A dau Mary Ann, January 9, 1969 Bird-in-Hand, R.1, Pa.
Glick	Jonas S. Glick (Lydia S. Kauffman)	A dau Naomi, January 10, 1969 Gordonville R.1, Pa.
King	Amos K. King (Malinda S. Kauffman)	A dau Annie, January 1, 1969 Gordonville R.1, Pa.
King	Amos M. King (Lydia K. Lapp)	A dau Lydia, January 23, 1969 Paradise R.1, Pa.
King	Daniel B. King (Susie Esh)	A dau Emma, January 20, 1969 Gordonville R.1, Pa.
King	David S. King (Annie Stoltzfus)	A dau Mary, January 2, 1969 Gordonville R.1, Pa.
King	Eli Z. King (Emma S. Esh)	A dau Priscilla, January 28, 1969 Gap R.1, Pa.
King	Gideon K. King (Barbara S. Glick)	A son Eli, January 7, 1969 Paradise R.1, Pa.
King	John K. King (Emma K. Stoltzfus)	A dau Lizzie, January 30, 1969 Paradise R.1, Pa.
King	Sylvan S. King (Elizabeth King)	A son Stephen, January 27, 1969 Strasburg R.1, Pa.
Lantz	Benjamin S. Lantz (Lizzie L. Zook)	A dau Fannie Z., January 18, 1969 Honey Brook R.1, Pa.
Lantz	Jacob K. Lantz (Katie S. King)	A dau Naomi, January 10, 1969 Paradise R.1, Pa.
Lantz	Levi Lantz (Sadie King)	A son _____ January 24, 1969 Gordonville R.1, Pa.
Lapp	Aaron E. Lapp (Mattie S. Stoltzfus)	A son John, January 16, 1969 Gordonville R.1, Pa.
Lapp	Michael Lapp (Fannie Fisher)	A son Daniel, January 20, 1969 Leola R.1, Pa.
Miller	John L. Miller (Rebecca B. King)	A son Elam, January 28, 1969 Christiana R.1, Pa.
Petersheim	Daniel B. Petersheim (Barbara S. Stoltzfus)	A dau Lizzie, January 28, 1969 New Holland R.2, Pa.
Smucker	Abner S. Smucker (Sadie K. King)	A son Eli, January 11, 1969

Smucker	David B. Smucker (Susie K. Beiler)	Ronks R.1, Pa. A son Henry, January 8, 1969
Stoltzfus	Benuel B. Stoltzfus (Malinda S. Smucker)	Honey Brook R.1, Pa. A dau Katie, January 21, 1969
Stoltzfus	Daniel E. Stoltzfus (Annie Stoltzfus)	Christiana R.1, Pa. A son Jerry, January 13, 1969
Stoltzfus	Ephraim K. Stoltzfus Rebecca B. Riehl	Narvon R.1, Pa. A son Samuel, January 19, 1969
Stoltzfus	John M. Stoltzfus (Barbara E. Fisher)	77 E. Main St. Leola, Pa. A dau Mary, January 10, 1969
Stoltzfus	Jonas B. Stoltzfus (Malinda Stoltzfus)	Narvon R.1, Pa. A son Jonas B. Jr. Jan. 14, 1969
Stoltzfus	Samuel L. Stoltzfus (Malinda S. King)	108 S. 7th St. Allentown, Pa. A son David Lee, January 19, 1969

Daviess County, Indiana BIRTHS

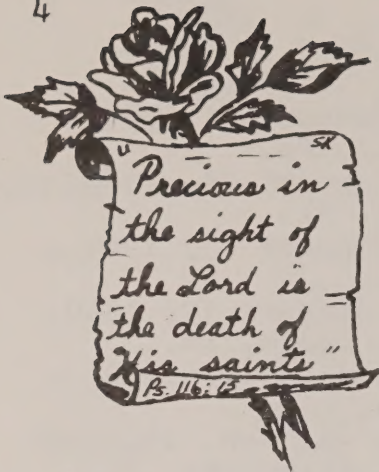
Graber	Herman Graber (Rosie Wagler)	Washington R.3, Ind. A dau Carolyn, January 16, 1969
Lengacher	Henry Lengacher (Margaret Yoder)	Plainville, Ind. A son Mark Joseph, January 21, 1969
Raber	Ervin Raber (Lydia Eicher)	Plainville R.1, Ind. A son Norman, January 26, 1969
Stoll	Paul Stoll (Marie Lengacher)	Plainville R.2, Ind. A son Amos, January 25, 1969
Wagler	Lester Wagler (Mary Eicher)	Odon, Ind. A son Lloyd Joseph, Jan. 5, 1969
Wittmer	Lester Wittmer (Anna Catherine Knepp)	Montgonery, Ind. A dau Fannie Marie, Jan. 5, 1969
Yoder	Lester Yoder (Marie Raber)	Plainville, Ind. A dau Rachel, January 24, 1969

Adams County, Indiana BIRTHS

Coblentz	Ben A. Coblentz (Elizabeth Graber)	A dau Elizabeth, January 24, 1969
Hilty	Pre. Jake K. Hilty (Lydian Schwartz)	A dau Susan, January 13, 1969
Schwartz	Jacob Schwartz (Mary Wickey)	A dau _____ January 1, 1969
Schwartz	Joe D.J. Swartz (Margaret Eicher)	A son Peter J.M., January 1969
Wickey	Amos Wickey (Emma Schwartzentruber)	A dau _____ January 20, 1969

Adams County, Indiana WEATHER REPORTS

The New Year came in with a cold north west wind and below zero temperatures and icy roads. By January 5 we had a heavy snow storm with gale-like winds that drifted roads and lanes and there was no school Tuesday or Wednesday. January 19 this ~~area~~ was covered by a heavy fog till noon. It rained all afternoon and night forming great ponds till Saturday morning. By Sunday the river was over its banks with only two places that traffic could cross between Geneva and Bluffton, Indiana.



OBITUARIES

Beiler, Mrs. Annie K. aged 57, Gap R.1, Pa.

Annie, wife of Levi S. Beiler died at her home January 10, 1969 of Leukemia.

Born in Salisbury Twp. she was a daughter of the late Jacob and Susie King Stoltzfus and was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Her children are Jacob S. Beiler, Paradise R.1, David E. Beiler, Narvon R.1, and Miss Lydia Beiler at home. She has four Grandchildren, a brother Leroy K. Stoltzfus, and a sister Sally wife of Levi D. Riehl, Honey Brook, R.1.

Funeral services were held from the Amos Beiler residence, Gap R.1, on January 13; burial in the Millwood Cemetery.

Esh, Mary F. aged 8, Ronks R.1, Pa.

Mary, daughter of Sam J. and Malinda K. Fisher Esh died January 11, 1969 at Lancaster General Hospital after a brief illness.

She has 2 sisters, Annie and Sarah at home. Her grandparents are: Christian and Sarah Z. Esh, Narvon R.2, and Gideon L. and Mary E. Fisher, Ronks R.1, Pa. Her great grandfather is John M. Fisher, Ronks.

Funeral services were held January 14, sermons by Samuel King, Gordonville R.1 and Samuel U. Fisher, Elverson R.1, Burial in Gordonville Cemetery.

King, John E. aged 63, of 205 West Main Street, Leola, Pa.

John E. King, husband of Sadie K. Zook King died at Lancaster General Hospital January 19, 1969. He was found in bed Monday morning suffering from a stroke was taken to the hospital by ambulance and was in a coma most of the time till he died early Sun. morning.

Born in Leacock Twp. he was a son of the late Abram and Rebecca Esh King, and was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

His children are Miss Anna M., at home, Rebecca, wife of David K. Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R.1, Abram Z., Bird-in-Hand R.1, ~~W~~elvin Z., Leola R.1. He has one brother, Daniel E. King and a step-mother Mrs. Eli King both of Ronks R.1 and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Gideon Beiler residence, Leola, January 21, burial in Myers Cemetery.

Lapp, Ephraim S. aged 37, Quarryville R.2, Pa.

Ephraim S. Lapp, husband of Sarah King Lapp died at his home January 1, 1969 of Cancer.

He was a son of Aaron K. and Mattie E. Stoltzfus Lapp and was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

His 12 children are Enos, Mattie, Aaron, Jonas, Annie, Rachel, Daniel, Ephraim Jr., Samuel, Sarah, Jacob and Mary, all at home.

His brothers and sisters are Samuel, Christiana R.1, John A. Kirkwood; Aaron Jr. Kirkwood R.1; Jonas S. Florida; Emma, wife of

David K. Fisher, Christiana R.1; Rachel, wife of Amos E. Fisher, Ronks R.1; Sarah, wife of Moses Glick; Mattie, wife of Jonathan Fisher, both of Quarryville R.3; Rebecca, wife of Jacob Blank, Narvon and Barbara, wife of Jesse Lapp, Ronks R.1.

Funeral services were held January 4, sermon by Amos F. Stoltzfus, burial in Fisher's Cemetery, Christiana R.1, Pa.

Lengacher, Mrs. Susan, aged 82, Montgomery, R.1, Indiana

Susan, wife of the late David Lengacher died January 2, 1969 at the Washington Nursing Center. She had been in failing health, but was seriously ill for one week.

Born in Daviess County on Nov. 5, 1887 she was a daughter of the late Simon and Katherine Swartz Kemp and was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Her one daughter is Katie wife of Peter Miller and her two sons are Elmer and David Lengacher, all of Montgomery R.1. She has 32 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Victor Wagler, Loogootee R.2. Three children preceeded her in death.

Funeral services were held Jan. 5 from the residence of Peter Miller, Montgomery R.1, sermons by Bishop Ben E. Wagler and Alva Baber, Montgomery, Indiana, burial in the Stoll Cemetery.

Stoltzfus, Chester S. aged 17, Honey Brook R.1, Pa.

Chester S., son of Henry U. and Mary Z. Stoltzfus Stoltzfus died in a sawmill accident January 27, 1969.

His brothers and sisters are Anna, wife of Abner Glick, Christiana; John, Priscilla, Jacob, Linda, Henry Jr., Elsie, Jemima, Luke and Mary, all at home. His grandmothers are Mrs. Annie B. Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R.1 and Mrs. Mary B. Stoltzfus, Elverson R.2.

Funeral services were held January 29, sermons by Christ Glick and John Omar Stoltzfus, burial in Stoltzfus Cemetery, Honey Brook.

Stoltzfus, Isaac E. aged 75, Kirkwood, Pa.

Isaac E. Stoltzfus, husband of the late Sarah Lapp Stoltzfus died January 19, 1969 at the home of his son, Jacob L. Stoltzfus.

Born in Morgantown, Pa. he was a son of the late Bishop Samuel M. and Sarah Esh Stoltzfus and was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

His children are John L., Samuel L., both of Christiana R.1, Benjamin L., Leola; Isaac L., Gettysburg, Pa.; Jonas L., Bird-in-Hand; Jacob L., Levi L., Henry L., all of Kirkwood R.1; Daniel L., Soudersburg; Amos L. Kinzer R.1; Rachel wife of Elam Miller, Leola R.1; Sarah, wife of Jacob Fisher, Quarryville R.3; Mary, wife of Henry Fisher, Willow Street; and Rebecca, wife of Benuel Esh, Littlestown.

There are 121 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and these brothers and sisters: Samuel E., Gordonville R.1; Stephen S., Kirkwood R.1; John E. Christiana R.1; Isreal E. Kirkwood R.1; Christian E. Christiana R.1; Mrs. Hannah E. Stoltzfus, Mechanicsville R.2, Md. Annie E., wife of John L. Stoltzfus, Leola R.1; Mrs. Lizzie Lapp, Ronks R.1; Mattie E. wife of Aaron Lapp, Kirkwood R.1; and a step-sister, Rachel, wife of Daniel Esh, Churchtown.

Funeral services were held from the Jacob L. Stoltzfus residence, Kirkwood R.1, January 22, burial in Gordonville Cemetery

Stoltzfus, Mrs. Lizzie B. aged 82, Gap, R.1, Pa.

Lizzie, wife of Henry U. Stoltzfus died January 24, 1969. She died at the breakfast table. She had prepared the meal and filled her plate, then said she has pain in her chest and back. Henry went for medicine and when he got back she was gone.

Born in Salisbury Twp. she was a daughter of the late David K. and Barbara L. Petersheim Stoltzfus and was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Her children are David S., Rebecca, wife of Samuel E. Fisher, Barbara, wife of Christ U. Flaud, Levi U., all of Gap R.1; Steven K. of Christiana R.1. There are 27 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, 62 great grandchildren, and 2 step-great grandchildren. She was the last of her immediate family.

Funeral services were held January 27, burial in Millwood Cemetery.

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was ordered that hereafter all ships loaded with Mennonites cannot unload its cargo unless the captain has a complete list of the names of these people giving assurance of their own way and manner. Later it was ruled that each German immigrant be required to sign his name before authority of the providence as an oath of allegiance to the King of Great Britian. Strassberger and Himke Vol. 1: As boring as it may have seemed at the time of immigration, it is fortunate to us, otherwise we would have no record of their coming. Another document in Strassberger and Hinke Vol.3: Another act of the assembly (1785) of the providence of Pennsylvania. All masters of vessels carrying German passengers shall produce a complete list of names of his ship both men and women with in twenty four hours of their arrival, before an officer. And the mayor should examine the character of the immigrant and they shall be bound as servant until he pays for voyage.

3. By 1775 the captains seemed to get great satisfaction from working on these lists, and while it was required of them to list only their name, some began adding other things such as their description, age, etc. Sometimes they included their size, color of hair and eyes, etc.

4. A record sheet of the Zweibucken archives compiled by Fritz Braum states that Christoph Gottlieb Stoltzfus, Lutheran, Peruckenmacher erhalten 4,11,1717 das Burgerrect (a citizen) in Zweibuicken, in 1721 ist seiner frau aber wieder nach Sachson.

NOTICE ! NOTICE !

Would't it be nice to have reports of more of our friends of other places? We invite interested folks of the Old Order Faith (The horse and buggy people) to write monthly reports of subjects you see in this sample copy. Now that we have a typist you can send everything directly to her, except articles of church history should be sent to one of the staff members. In order to have a system a reporter should continue his work and accept it as a duty. Our local reporters, now too, can send their documents to Sara E. Fisher, Box 44 Soudersburg, Pa. 17577, excepting reports of major accidents, fires, hospital patients and operations, accounts of fire meetings or other news of importance which should be sent to Christian G. Esh, Gordonville R.1, Pa. 17529. Weather reports should be sent to Eli and Sara King, Gordonville, Pa. 17529. Material should be sent before the 8th of each month.

January symbolizes to us the first month of the year. It was named by the Romans after Janus the god who was supposedly guardian of Portals and patron of beginnings and endings. The calendar we use to-day was erected during the reign of Pope Gregory XIII around 1582. The ancient calendar consisted of months that changed with the

moon. In bible days new moon indicated a new month and in patroit days they were numbered. The Hebrew month did not run with ours. Being regulated by the moon it had 29 days. The Egyptians based their year on seasons alone.

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CROP REPORTS

As we gaze over the fields at this time the earth looks brown and bare. Of the crops we can only report the fodder of the corn left standing after the ears were harvested. This scene has changed over the years. Thirty years ago on almost every farm there were corn fodder shocks to be seen neatly set up in straight and parallel rows. Today these are much less and further apart but wherever they are appreciated as this is still the best way to preserve it.

The work on the farm in this area is mainly chore work, as the tobacco acreage is dimishing fast. This is mostly due to a lifeless market for types grown here. Like other perpetual things it will die unless other procedures are taken concerning the market.

To speak of chores, they are dairy, fattening cattle, and chickens and, of course, the horses. Dairy is the cheif one here. The price of milk is fair. Our price (Christiana Dairy) is for January \$6.20 4%. Some creameries pay up to \$7.00. Eggs are \$.48 a dozen.

WEATHER REPORTS

January was generally cold and dry in our area with less than average rain and very little snow. It was, however, with less Temperature variation than most years. For three weeks in a row the temperature dropped to about 12 degrees (a few times to zero) and did not rise to more than around 28 degrees for five or six days. This put a lot of frost in the ground as many days stiff winds prevailed. Total inches of rain was 1.55, snow 2 inches.

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TWO HUNDRED YEARS IN AMERICA

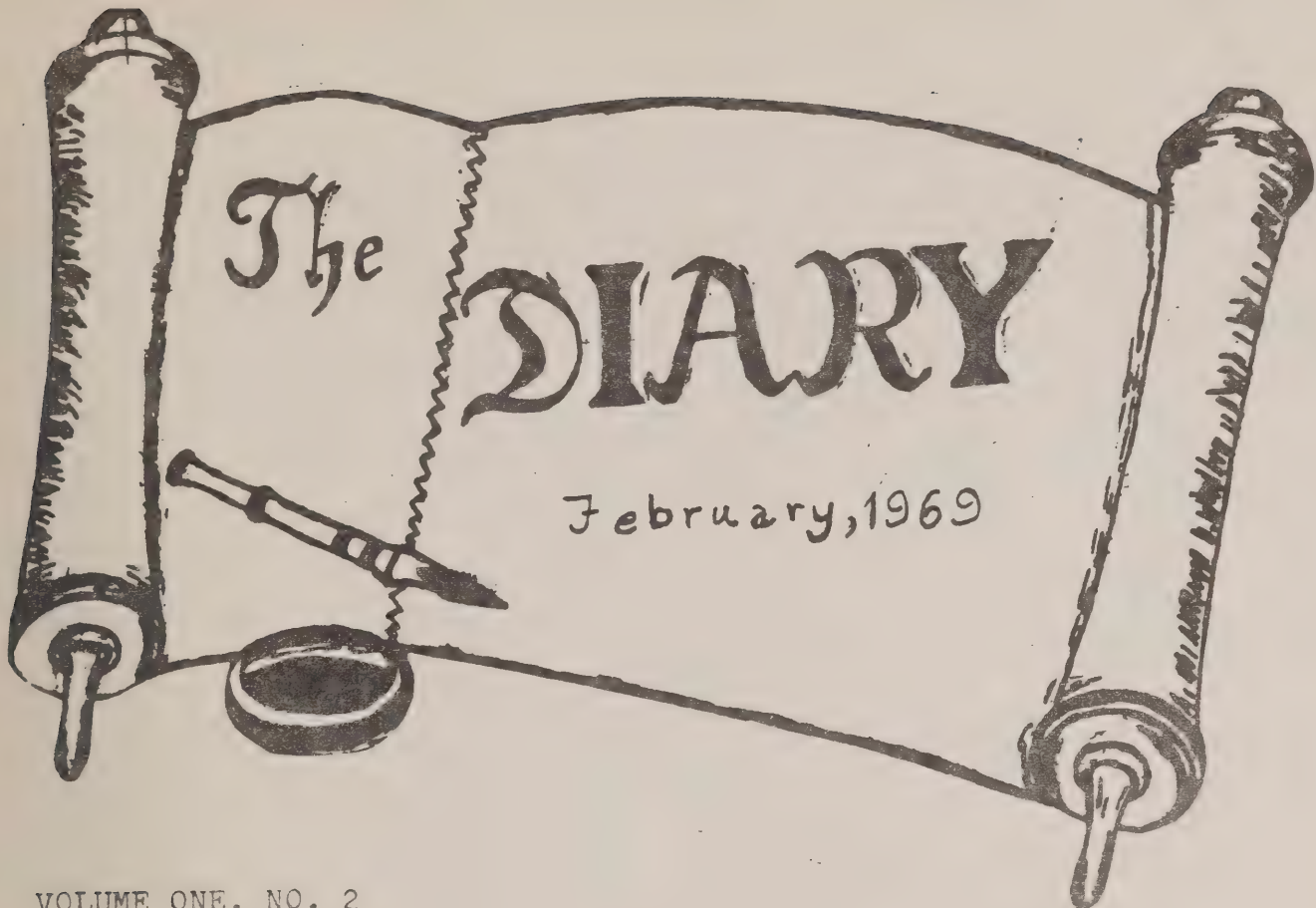
The Stoltzfus Family

In the fall of 1766 Nicolaus Stoltzfus landed on the banks of the Delaware at Philadelphia, with his 18 year old son, Christian, and assuming his wife by his side. Altho we have very few records of her being in America. The only definite information in my hands of his wife in America is from a writing by her son Christian, and later found in the family bible,¹ saying his mother died in 1781. This leaves her a widow of seven years in America.

From the work of Strassberger and Hinke we find a list of 55 German pioneers on this ship Polly presumably an English ship, (and Robert Porter, the captain perhaps) also an Englishman. The whole freight being 122. Half freight 33 and a total of 181 on board. The balance must have been either Englishmen or other foreigners as only the Germans² were compelled to sign their names at arrival in America. While this list gives us invaluable information to the settling of our forefathers, it still leaves us much to wonder.³ It fails to tell us when they started or the exact route they took while on their ocean voyage. It also fails to say how they fared on their way. But we do know by this list that Nicolaus Stoltzfus and his son arrived on October 18, 1766 and they both signed their names in genuine German handscript. By this we can conclude that they were more fortunate than some of their German friends to be able to write their name. As many affirmed their signature with an X mark. This list may prove to us quite valuable in more than one way. For one it makes clear they may have had access to better education than most of our forefathers. This comes in line with information we got from other sources pertaining to the welfare of the Stoltzfuses in Europe. Only the better than average to-do people could get better than average education in the old country at that time. Nicolaus was born and raised a Lutheran. He was apparently of a quite wealthy family, his father being a wigmaker⁴ and held other prominent posts in his time. However, Nicolaus was left fatherless in his early years but was soon presented a stepfather, Daniel Bellaire of Wallorb, Switzerland, also a very prominent family of their day. By all this By all this Niclaus didn't avail himself this mode of life as a livelihood but rather he left his mother and stepfather (perhaps as he came of age). Soon we find him engaged at a Taufer hof (Mennonite farm) where he was employed as a soil worker and whereby he obtained his life companion.

1. C.Z. Mast, Annals of Conestoga Valley, and the Fisher Book

2. In 1717 three ships came to Philadelphia with 363 Palatines. The steady increase of German immigrants concerned the provincial authorities and Governor William Keith observed with the concil about a daily import of the people of a strange language and constitutions without producing any certificates from whence they came and left England without any license from that government, etc. Whereupon it



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BISHOP KEIM DIED AT HAVEN, KANSAS

Leander Keim died February 11, his age was 91 years, 6 months and 23 days. His widow is 90 years old and they lived in matrimony 71 years, 1 month and 19 days. The widow who lives with a daughter is confused and only realizes for a short period of time that he is gone and keeps asking about him.

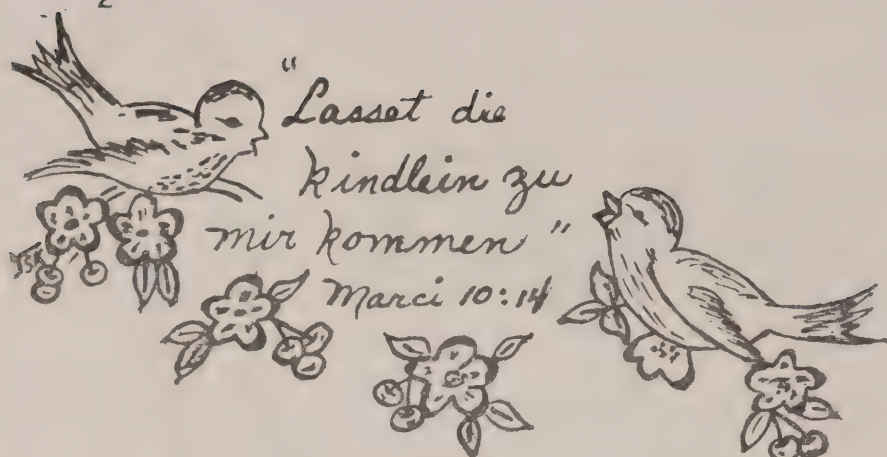
He was ordained a minister in 1899 at the age of 22 and bishop in 1931. He died at home and had a good mind to the end.

TWO HOMES DAMAGED BY FIRE

On Tuesday, February 4, 1969 a fire caused by a hot chimney destroyed the house on the farm of Elmer Smucker at Narvon R2, Pa., occupied by Samuel Smokers. Most of the furniture downstairs was saved but most of their clothing were burned.

On Wednesday, February 12, 1969 a fire at a tenant house at Narvon R1, Pa., occupied by Jesse L. Esh, on the farm of Daniel S. Stoltzfus, was caused by a hot chimney. Part of the house roof had to be replaced, otherwise nothing was completely destroyed. All the furniture was carried outside by neighbor men who were soon there. The Churchtown and Morgantown Fire Companies were there. Nobody was injured by the fire.

Let us remember our bereaved ones in prayer



Just one life,
'Twill soon be past;
Only what's done
For Christ will last.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania BIRTHS

- Beiler, John F. (Leah Lapp) Kinzers R.1, Pa.
A son John F. Jr. February 9, 1969
- Beiler, John L. (Sylvia Glick) Christiana R.1, Pa.
A son _____ February 26, 1969
- Blank, David S. (Mary E. Smucker) Gap R.1, Pa.
A son Jacob E. February 10, 1969
- Ebersol, Eli (Sarah King) Gordonville R.1, Pa.
A son Elam Mark February 25, 1969
- Esh, John L. (Sara D. Zook) Gordonville R.1, Pa.
A son Mark February 19, 1969
- Fisher, Christian M. (Fannie Stoltzfus) Gordonville R.1, Pa.
A son John Simeon February 16, 1969
- Fisher, Elmer F. (Leah Beiler) Gordonville R.1, Pa.
A daughter Anna February 2, 1969
- Flaud, Jacob E. (Sallie Esh) Bird-in-Hand R.1, Pa.
A son Levi February 21, 1969
- King, Daniel K. (Emma Fisher) Lancaster R.4, Pa.
A daughter Rebecca February 15, 1969
- King, Daniel L. (Sadie Miller) Paradise R.1, Pa.
A daughter _____ February 26, 1969
- King, John (Fannie Esh) Quarryville R.2, Pa.
A daughter _____ February 20, 1969
- Lapp, Amos E. (Rebecca Ebersol) Paradise R.1, Pa.
A daughter Miriam February 10, 1969
- Miller, Henry (Lydia S. Glick) 2714 Creek Hill Road, Lancaster, Pa.
A daughter Barbara February 17, 1969
- Riehl, Christian E. (Priscilla F. Petersheim) 355 Newport Rd. Leola,
A daughter Priscilla February 23, 1969
- Stoltzfus, Amos K. (Sallie Z. Beiler) P.O. Box 23, Witmer, Pa.
A son Stephen February 10, 1969
- Stoltzfus, Benuel M. (Katie Stoltzfus) Elverson R.2, Pa.
A daughter Marion February 3, 1969
- Stoltzfus, Christian J. (Fannie Zook) Gap R.1, Pa.
A daughter Catherine February 17, 1969
- Stoltzfus, John E. (Fannie Beiler) Strasburg R.1, Pa.
A son Jonathan Jay February 19, 1969
- Stoltzfus, John K. (Nancy Ann Dienner) Gap R.1, Pa.
A daughter Ada Ruth February 4, 1969
- Stoltzfus, Melvin (Barbara King) Kinzers R.1, Pa.
A daughter Wilma February 17, 1969

Stoltzfus, Samuel M. (Sarah A. Glick) Christiana E.1, Pa.
 A son Joseph February 15, 1969
 Zook, Amos B. (Rachel S. Lapp) Ronks R.1, Pa.
 A son Chester February 2, 1969
 Zook, Benjamin R. (Elizabeth Stoltzfus) New Holland R.1, Pa.
 A daughter Mary February 16, 1969
 Zook, Elmer S. (Lizzie K. Blank) Bird-in-Hand R.1, Pa.
 A son Elmer February 13, 1969
 Zook, Jacob K. (Mattie Z. Stoltzfus) Kinzers R.1, Pa.
 A son _____ February 12, 1969
 Zook, Levi (Sara Miller) Ronks, R.1, Pa.
 A son Reuben February 14, 1969



INDIAN PRAYER

Adams County, Indiana BIRTHS

Eicher, Benjamin B. (Margarett Wengerd)
 A son Solomon February 27, 1969
 Schwartz, Carl (Emma Wichey)
 A son Jonas February 10, 1969
 Schwartz, Daniel I. (Lizzie Schmucker)
 A daughter Mary February 1, 1969
 Schwartz, Henry M. (Elizabeth Eicher)
 A son Joe February 8, 1969
 Schwartz, John H. (Esher Schwartz)
 A son Chris February 13, 1969
 Swartzentruber, Tobias (Lovina Graber)
 A daughter Leah February 21, 1969
 Wichey, Samuel Z. (Margarett N. Schwartz)
 A son Christian February 23, 1969

GREAT SPIRIT —

GRANT THAT I
 MAY NOT CRITICISE MY
 NEIGHBOR UNTIL I HAVE
 WALKED A MILE IN HIS
 MOCCASINS.

Daviess County, Indiana BIRTHS

Graber, Jacob (Naomi Miller)
 A son Dwayne February 23, 1969
 Kemp, Amos (Naomi Wittmer)
 A daughter Dorothy February 3, 1969
 Knepp, Harry (Laura Stoll)
 A daughter Christina February 9, 1969
 Lengacher, Edwin (Katie Wagler)
 A daughter Joyce Ann February 5, 1969



Adams County, Indiana WEATHER REPORT

The weather for February was mild for this time of the year and only once in 59 years was there less change between the high and low. The average temperature for the month 28.7 degrees. The low was 10 above and the high 46, with only .13 of an inch of rain and four inches of snow which melted in a few days.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania weather reports for February are:
 1.40 inches of rain and 6.2 inches of snow.

NOTICE!

We invite interested folks of the Old Order Faith to write monthly reports of subjects published in this copy. A reporter should continue his work and accept it as a duty. Documents can be sent directly to our typist, Sara E. Fisher, Box 44, Soudersburg, Pa. 17577. Please send material before the 5th of each month.

OBITUARIES

Adams County, Indiana

Rosie J. Schwartz wife of John J. Schwartz Jr.
Died February 10, 1969. Age 72 years, 11 Mo, 5 Days

Christian M. Schwartz son of Samuel Z. and
Margarett (Schwartz) Wickey. Age 4 hours

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Miriam E. Lapp, infant daughter of Amos E.
and Rebecca Ebersol Lapp of Paradise, died at
Lancaster General Hospital February 11, 1969

She has a brother, John Richard and a sister,
Rachel Ann; her grandparents are Leroy B. and
Rachel Ebersol, Leola R.1, and Amos and Lydia
Lapp, Gordonville R.1, Pa.

King Infant

The infant daughter of John B. and Barbara Zook King, Paradise
R.1, Pa. died Monday February 10, 1969

Her brothers and sisters are Isaac, Joseph, Samuel, Abner, Mary,
Rachel, Sadie, Lydia and Fannie. Her grandparents are Isaac S. King,
Leola, and Isaac B. and Mary Zook, Christiana R.1, Pa.

Haven, Kansas

Leander Keim, husband of Mattie Nissley Keim died February 11, 1969.

His 5 sons and 3 daughters are: Dan, Goshen, Indiana, Jonas,
John and Enos, Haven, Kansas, Menno, Garnett, Kansas Mrs. Harvey
Bontrager (Lena) Haven Kansas, Mrs. Levi Helmuth (Anna) Hutchinson,
Kansas, Emma of the home. He has 34 grandchildren, 70 great grand-
children, and 1 great-great grandchild. He was preceded in death
by 3 sisters, 1 brother, 1 son, 3 daughters, 1 son-in-law and 1
daughter-in-law.

His health was failing for years and he was seriously ill for
four days.

Funeral services were held February 14, sermons by Pre. Sam
Yoder and Eli J. Bontrager of Iowa and Eish. David E. Shrock in the
home, by Bishop Jonas F. Bontrager and Bishop Tobias Detweiler of
Missouri at the Eli W. Miller home.

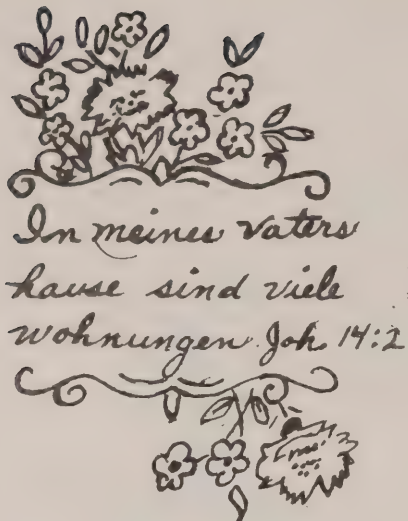
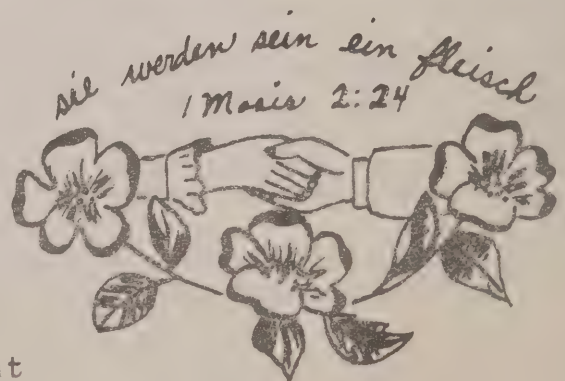
Davless County, Indiana MARRIAGES

David Baber and Verna Mae Wagler
February 20, 1969
by Bishop Levi Graber

John Wagler and Martha Knepp
February 23, 1969
by Bishop Ben E. Wagler

But godliness with contentment is great
gain. For we brought nothing into this
world, and it is certain we can carry
nothing out. And having food and
raiment let us be therewith content.

I Timothy 6:6,7,8



THE GREAT APRIL SNOW-STORM OF 1873

The great April Snow Storm of 1873, which visited the northwestern portion of the United States on the 13th of April 1873, ranks amongst the curiosities of the weather, and deserves for future reference, a record in the Almanac.

A correspondent writing from Grand Island, Nebraska, gives the following account of this strange and terrible storm:

We have just passed through one of the most fearful storms that I ever witnessed; and had the cold been equally intense, language would fail to convey the terrible result. The storm came on very suddenly, and continued with scarcely a moment's intermission, for three days.

On Sunday, the 13th, the clouds gathered, black and heavy, in the north and west, threatening a severe thunderstorm; but the wind and rain combined in great fury, pouring down upon us about four o'clock in the afternoon, when it became so exceedingly dark that lamps were lighted. The storm continued unabated far into the night. During this time it seemed utterly impossible for anything, a human being or an animal, to stand up. About three o'clock in the morning the rain suddenly changed to wet, fine snow, and by the dawn of day, life was almost impossible, if exposed in the least. It seemed as if the wind literally blew the breath of life from the body. Men in vain made repeated attempts to get to their stables, sheds and yards. The beating, blinding snow perfectly overwhelmed all sense and sight, and a great destruction of life and property was inevitable. All that was exposed in the least struggled in vain for life; large fine horses in their stables, large fat cattle in sheds, all went alike in less than twelve hours. On the road, on Sunday, were six wagons of immigrants, whole families of men, women and children, besides some loose stock which they were driving. As the darkness of the storm increased on Sunday they stopped to camp for the night in a deep cut or draw in the bluff, thinking the storm would soon be past; but a sad, sad fate awaited them. Before the storm abated the draw was level full of snow, packed wet and solid. Not the least vestige or mark was to be seen of the encampment of the evening before; all were buried beneath the smooth, white snow. Imagine, mothers, if you can, what were the feelings of those mothers and freezing little ones there-helpless beings; so surely buried alive. Can we for one moment realize their sufferings and their thoughts? One man of the company managed to escape with a horse to tell the sad story, whereupon people collected to dig them out. Some were identified and some were not. Houses were blown down, and in some instances, the inmates were buried in the ruins. Many who tried to go to a neighbor's perished on the way. Movers were left with wagons, but no horses or oxen. In some of the adjoining towns, whole streets were blocked up as high as the houses on each side; unfinished buildings were blown over, or filled compact and firm with wet snow. Some stock men lost from one to two hundred head of cattle, and hogs, and sheep in proportion. The loss of life and property was absolutely terrifying.

The snow-storm lasted with unabated violence, from Monday morning, 3 o'clock, till Wednesday afternoon, when the weather became fine and warm, and the snow disappeared rapidly. The "old ranchers" in the valley say they rarely have known of such a terrible storm. In some instance where cattle were loose and went with the storm, as they invariably will do, they have been found twenty miles from home.

WER IST REICH?

Diese Frage beantwortet der berühmte Benjamin Franklin, der Ersinder des Blitzableiters, also:

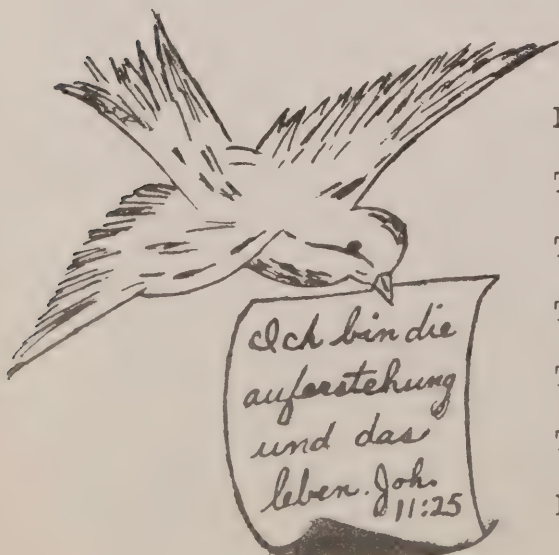
Mancher Mann ist reich ohne Geld. Tausende von Menschen mit nichts in ihren Taschen sind reich. Ein Mensch mit einer guten Körperbildung ist reich; der mit gutem Herzen, gesunden Gliedern und gutem Kopf ist reich. Gesunde Knochen sind besser als Gold; zähe Muskeln besser als Silber, und Nerven, die Feuer sprühen und Kraft auf jede Berrichtung übertragen, sind besser als Häuser und Land. Es ist besser als ein Landsitz, einen strengen Vater und eine gute Mutter zu haben, welcher bei der Erziehung der Kinder ihre elterlichen Pflichten erfüllen und dabei Hand in Hand gehen. Der Mensch ist reich, der viele geistige Fähigkeiten besitzt, sich mit diesen Kenntnisse und Fertigkeiten aneignet und diese zum eigenen Wohl und zu dem seiner Mitmenschen anwendet. Der Mensch ist reich, der ein gutes Temperament hat, der von Natur gut, geduldig, heiter und hoffnungsvoll ist.

Daran knüpft sich nun die Frage:

Wer ist Arm?

Mancher Mensch ist arm, wie ein Bettler, selbst mit einem gefüllten Geldschrank. Ein Mensch mit einem körperlich gesunden Herzen ist arm wenn er kein Gefühl für die Noth und das Elend seiner Mitmenschen hat; er ist arm, wenn er seine geistigen Kräfte und Fähigkeiten nicht zum Guten, sondern zum bösen und Schlechten anwendet; er ist arm, wenn er seine körperlichen Kräfte nicht zur Arbeit, nicht zu einer nützlichen Thatigkeit gebraucht, sondern blos im Nichtsthun, im Musziggang sich verlaszt; er ist arm, wenn er lieblose Eltern gehabt hat, die seine Erziehung vernachlässigt und nichts zu seiner Ausbildung gethan haben; er ist arm, wenn er keinen Freund gefunden hat, der ihm in Noth rathend und helfend zur Seite stand. Der Mensch ist arm, wenn er einen kranken und siechen Körper hat; er ist arm, wenn ihm die Ruhe und Heiterkeit des Gemüths, wenn ihm ein gutes Gewissen fehlt.

Aus der Beantwortung dieser Fragen geht hervor, daß ein Reicher arm und ein Armer reich sein kann.



TIME

Lots of time for lots of things,
 Though it's said that time has wings,
 There is always time to find,
 Ways of being sweet and kind,
 There is always time to share
 Smiles and goodness everywhere,
 Time to send the frown away,
 Time a gentle word to say,
 Time for helpfulness and time
 To assist the weak to climb;
 Time to give a little flower,
 Time for Friendship every hour,
 But there is no time to spare
 For unkindness anywhere.

Selected

February, the second month of the year is named after Februa, a roman festival of Purification. Perhaps this has for long been the true meaning of the month, as I have heard older people refer to this month as being a cleanser to the soil and its growth and till the last of the month the soil is renewed and ready for a new crop. It is also probable that in the process of the frost coming out of the ground, thus exposing its poisons to the air may well be responsible for much of the sickness common this time of the year.

It is the shortest month giving us 28 days and in a leap year 29 days. This occurs every four years when a year is divisible by four except the year completing a century will have only 365 days. Although every century divisible by four such as 1600 or 2000 have 25 leap years.

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From another note of a book of the Mennonites in the palatine we find a short quotation. Nicolaus Stoltzfus was born in Saxony⁷ and joined the Mennonite faith after he had been on the farms around Kronweissenburg as hired man and married one of the regular occupants of the Ringweiler farm (Rinckweiler⁸hof). He is twenty five years old and has to leave the country with his wife. But later he is again located at Ringweiler.

7. Saxony in the sixteenth century was considered the cradle of the Lutheran reformation. Mennonite Encyclopedia V:IV

8. This Rinckweiler hof is now a town by that name thirteen kilometers east of Zweibuicken. Its soils employ the banks of Lauter Krick and a rich valley likely resembling the Millcreek.

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TWO HUNDRED YEARS IN AMERICA

Continued from last month

The Stoltzfus Family

Secondly we learn from this ship list that the name has long been written as it is in general use to-day. We have no evidence anywhere to say that the name was changed during immigration as some rumors have prevailed. Moreover, this clearly indicates to us that it was a genuine family name⁵ and again in line with other information we may conclude the name itself suggests to us the character of the early family. Unlike other names of our forefathers which obtain their name from the town they lived in or their trade rather this one is a characteristic name. And still other names we do not find on the record list at all some of whom we know arrived in the time when they could not have avoided being registered. For example, the Peter Petersheim name has been studied and looked for and has not yet been found to my knowledge. But rather of late years it has been found he also wrote his name George Peter. Now we find a name on the list of George Peter presumably of Pfeddersheim which could interpret to us the answer.

Now it is reasonable for us to say that the Stoltzfus family was not forced to take a hasty leave like many of our forefathers who have migrated earlier. By this run of time the persecution conditions of the taufer or Mennonites in Germany became more⁶ tolerant. Apparently the state of Germany at this time was of Lutheran religion whereby Nicolaus, a Lutheran got permission to marry a Mennonite only if he would leave the country. This being in 1744 and soon afterwards seems to have left the taufer hof with his household, but in 1751 we find him back again in the same area. Not until 15 years later was the verdict ruled out, or perhaps by this time conditions had changed and they could take a planned and free will voyage to America. At any rate they seem to have had a home well spotted out on the banks of the Schuylkill River where they built a spacious house and barn which still stands to-day in Berks County, Pennsylvania about 10 miles north of Reading. Here Nicolaus spent the rest of his life of eight years in America.

The Stoltzfuses in Europe

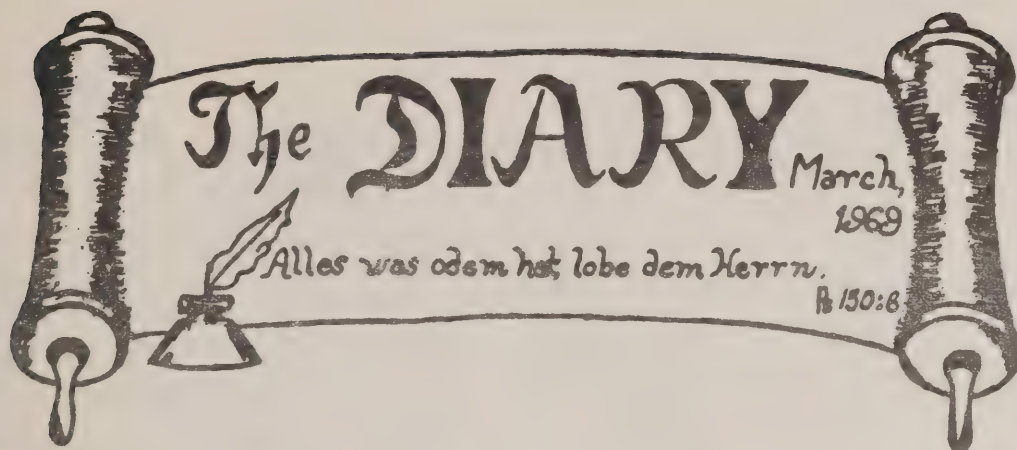
From a letter written by Paul Schowalter of Marnheim, Germany to Leroy Stoltzfus of Leola, Pennsylvania we can uncover much concerning the welfare of the Stoltzfuses in Europe. This writer has had the privilege to duplicate this letter which was written in German. The April, 1963 issue of the Mennonite Research Journal has the letter quoted in English. Because the Stoltzfuses of this early time were of the state church the family documents were legally recorded and preserved and are available yet to-day at the city archives.

On November 10, 1717 Christoph Gottlieb Stoltzfus in Zweibuichen, Germany married Katharine Bergmann daughter of Johannes. She married after the death of her first husband on April 20, 1723 Daniel Bellaire of Wallort French Swiss. This being the Stepfather of Nicolaus.

5. Zweibuicken archives by Fritz Braum, on this sheet it is written three times: (Stoltzfusz) (Stoltzfus) (Stoltzfuesz)

6. Mennonites in Europe by John Horst

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A CONTRIBUTION OF THE CHURCH FOR THE CHURCH BY THE CHURCH IN
THE INTEREST OF COLLECTING AND PRESERVING ITS HISTORICAL VIRTUES

BISHOP RENNO DIED IN MIFFLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

John B. Renno died March 29, 1969 aged 79 years, 9 months and 29 days. He had been in failing health the last year. He preached his last sermon on December 8, 1968 and was in church for the last time December 15, 1968. The cause of his death was lymphscarcoma. He died at home on the day his home church district was having council meeting. He suffered much pain and discomfort the last month but his memory was clear to the end and he tried to bear it patiently.

He was ordained Minister in 1924 at age 35 by Bishop David C. Peachey, and was ordained Bishop in 1942 at age 53 by the Bishops Noah D. Yoder, Benjamin P. Beiler and Lewis M. Beachy. He served as Bishop of the Amish churches in the valley for 26 years. Most of this time he had charge over two church districts and for about four years he had charge over three. His first marriage was Sam Peights in 1942 and the last one was Sam Wengerds (his granddaughter) in 1968. The communities where he went to assist in church matters were Holmes and Geauga Counties and Kenton, Ohio; LaGrange, Allen and Adams County, Indiana; Camden, Michigan; Bowling Green, Missouri; Buchanan County Iowa; Lancaster, Lawrence and Mercer Counties, Pennsylvania; Dover, Delaware and St. Mary's County, Maryland. Among his close bishop friends were Jacob M. Lapp, Joe L. Schwartz, David Z. Fisher, Neil Hershberger, Aaron Esh and Levi E. Stoltzfus.

YOUTH KILLED, TWO INJURED IN ROCK THROWING ATTACK

The search continues for the unknown assailants who caused the death of a youth Saturday night and injured two other young people.

Mervin D. Lehman 17, of LaGrange R.1, Indiana was riding in a buggy Saturday night with his nephew, Ernest E. Lehman, on C.R. 300W in the vicinity of 600S.

A speeding auto approached the buggy and when passing, a large rock was thrown into the buggy, striking Lehman in the upper chest area. Ernest Lehman drove the buggy to the home of Mervin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan J. Lehman, who took him to the home of a neighbor who owned an auto. He was taken to the LaGrange County Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival. An autopsy was performed Sunday morning confirmed that Lehman died of massive hemorrhaging in the left chest cavity and lung.

A second incident had been reported to the sheriff's office just minutes earlier. In that incident a chunk of asphalt was hurled into a buggy in which Glen O. Troyer 21, of Topeka R.1, Indiana and Emma M. Miller 21, of LaGrange R.1 were riding. Troyer and Miss Miller were hit on the head by the missile and both suffered severe head lacerations. Miss Miller was transferred from LaGrange County Hospital to South Fend Memorial Hospital with what was feared to be a serious head injury. She was released Sunday. Troyer was treated for head lacerations and released from the LaGrange County Hospital.

INDIANA MAN DIED AT AGE ONE HUNDRED AND ONE

John M. Burkholder of Shipshewana R.2 died February 4, 1969. He had been bedfast for the last three months but previously had been in good health. He was born August 22, 1867 in Nappanee, Indiana where he lived many years before moving to Portland, Indiana in 1940, to Clark, Missouri in 1952. In 1965 he moved to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Levi B. Hostettler. He was the father of 5 children and there are 35 grandchildren, 188 great-grandchildren and 66 great-great-grandchildren.

Let us remember our bereaved ones in prayer



Lasset die Kindlein zu mir kommen.
Matth. 11:19



Lancaster and Lebanon Counties, Pennsylvania BIRTHS

Beiler, Jacob S. (Salome Stoltzfus) Gordonville R.1, Pa. a son SAMUEL, March 6
 Beiler, Joseph F. (Elizabeth King) Gap R.1, Pa. a dau MARTHA, March 28
 Beiler, Samuel H. (Lydia King) Bird-in-Hand R.1, Pa. a son SAMUEL, March 17
 Ebersol, Jonas (Fannie L. Riehl) Bird-in-Hand R.1, Pa. a son JONAS March 11
 Esch, Leroy (Rebecca Miller) Paradise R.1, Pa. a son _____ March 26
 Flaad, Emanuel (Barbara Beiler) Bird-in-Hand R.1, Pa. a dau MALINDA March 14
 King, Alvin S. (Naomi Esh) Leola R.1, Pa. a dau RACHEL, March 30
 King, Christ F. (Anna Lapp) 186 Quarry Road, Leola, Pa. a dau SAVILLA, March 11
 King, Christ K. (Barbara L. Fisher) Leola R.1, Pa. a son JONAS, March 4
 King, David L. (Rebecca K. Stoltzfus) Ronks R.1, Pa. a dau SAVILLA, March 9
 King, Enos S. (Lavina S. Esch) 10 Stoltzfus Lane, Leola, Pa. a dau MATTIE March 14
 King, Samuel S. (Sylvia Ann Lapp) Gordonville R.1, Pa. a son MARVIN LEE, March 16
 Kinsinger, Levi A. (Arie Z. Swarey) Leola R.1, Pa. a son ANDREW L., March 26
 Lapp, Noah (Katie Stoltzfus) Bird-in-hand R.1, Pa. a dau ANNA
 Smucker, Jonathan (Mary Stoltzfus) Kinzers R.1, Pa. a dau VERA, March 26
 Stoltzfus, John K. (Barbara S. Glick) Holtwood R.2, Pa. a son BENUEL, March 18
 Stoltzfus, Daniel B. (Sarah Stoltzfus) Narvon R.1, Pa. a son GIDEON, March 26
 Stoltzfus, Daniel J. (Katie Zook) Honey Brook R.2, Pa. a son DANIEL, March 1
 Stoltzfus, Daniel L. (Katie E. Smucker) Bird-in-Hand R.1, Pa. a dau KATIE, March 5
 Stoltzfus, David (Elsie King) 311 Newport Rd. Leola, Pa. a son DAVID MICHAEL, March 14
 Stoltzfus, John M. (Lizzie Blank) Bird-in-Hand R.1, Pa. a dau LYDIA, March 25
 Stoltzfus, Levi (Anna Mary Stoltzfus) Gap R.1, Pa. a dau _____ March 31
 Lantz, Amos G. (Katie Lapp) Lebanon R.1, Pa. a son DAVID, March 14
 Lantz, David (Emma Miller) Gordonville R.1, Pa. a son EMANUEL M. March 2
 Zook, Christian B. (Lydia Ann Fisher) Gordonville R.1, Pa. a dau MARY JANE, March 12
 Zook, Elam (Emma Lapp) Bird-in-Hand R.1, Pa. a son ALVIN, March 4
 Zook, Isaac (Lydia Smoker) Gordonville R.1, Pa. a son Levi S. March 31

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Troyer, Adin A. (Mary Weaver) McAlisterville, Pa. a son DAVID, March 6
 Yoder, Sam K. (Katie Weaver) Mifflintown R.2, Pa. a son ANDREW, March 9

Adams County, Indiana

Shetler, Andy J. (Sovilla K. Hilty) a daughter March 1, 1969

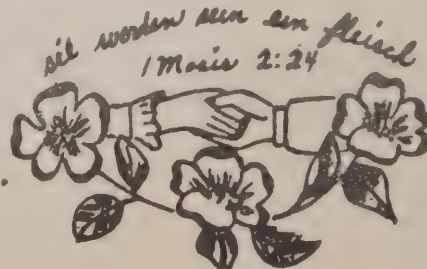
LaGrange County, Indiana

Barkman, Monroe (Magdalena Wagner) Topeka R.2, Ind. a son RAY ELLIS, March 19
 Bontrager, John M. (Esther E. Miller) Topeka R.1, Ind. a son DALE DEVON, March 30
 Hershberger, John B. (Mary E. Yoder) Topeka R.1, a son EDWARD, March 28
 Hochstetler, Gerald (Ruth Ann Miller) Wolcottville R.1, Ind. a dau RACHEL, March 12
 Lambright, Harvey (Nettie Hostetler) LaGrange, Ind. a daughter LEANNA, March 16
 Lambright, Harvey A. (Fannie Yoder) Topeka R.2, Ind. a son CALVIN, March 28
 Lehman, Albert (Tressie Hochstetler) LaGrange, Ind. a dau NORMA JEAN, March 2
 Mast, Amos J. (Alma Schrock) Topeka R.2, Ind. a son CALVIN LEE, March 18
 Miller, LeRoy L. (Elizabeth Gingerich) LaGrange R.4, Ind. a son DOYLE DEE, March 31
 Miller, Levi E. (Mattie Hochstetler) Wolcottville R.1, Ind. a daughter _____, March 31
 Miller, Maynard O. (Barbara Wickey) Topeka R.1, Ind. a dau NOREEN, March 17
 Miller, Ora N. (Katie Bontrager) Wolcottville, Ind. a son AMOS JAY, March 17
 Miller, Orva A. (Alma Miller) Topeka R.1, Ind. a daughter EDNA, March 29
 Troyer, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob E. LaGrange R.1, Ind. a son JOSEPH, March 12
 Whetstone, Perry H. (Anna Miller) Shipshewana, Ind. a dau LINDA, March 14
 Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob L. LaGrange, Ind. a daughter WANETA KAY, March 3
 Yoder, Levi N. (Sadie Mullet) LaGrange, Ind. a son MELVIN, March 23
 Yoder, Samuel W. (Elizabeth Baber) Millersburg R.1, Ind. a son WILLARD, March 19

Marriages

Adams County, Ind.
 Samuel, son of John S. and Emma S. (Christner) Girod and
 Rosie F. dau of Menno L. and Fannie (Schwartz) Schwartz
 were married March 16, by Bishop Joseph L. Schwartz

Widower John M. Glick, 98 Zook Lane, Lancaster, Pa. and
 Miss Rachel Petersheim, 43 Clearview Road, Lancaster, Pa.
 were married March 25, by Bishop John M. Beiler



Christ, in the night He was betrayed,
 For us a plain example laid.
 He to a private room retired,
 With those He afterwards inspired.
 The pascal feast was there prepared,
 And Lord and servants mutual shared
 To prove His love, divinely sweet,
 He stooped to wash His servants feet.
 Example give I unto you,
 As I have done, so shall you do,
 And if ye then my servants be,
 Obey My word, and follow Me.



The following were baptized in North West Church District by Bishop Joseph L. Schwartz
 March 9, 1969

- Tobias Wickey, son of Amos and Emma (Schwartzentruber) Wickey
- Abe and Roman E. Miller, sons of Eli and Lydian (Hershberger) Miller
- Jerry M. Girod, son of Menno and Mary Ann (Schwartz) Girod
- Walter F. Schwartz, son of Menno L. and Fanny E. (Schwartz) Schwartz
- Menno Hilty, son of Joseph E. and Mary E. Hilty
- Jake Wickey, son of Amos and Emma (Schwartzentruber) Wickey
- Rosie M. Schwartz, daughter of Noah E. and Mary E. (Hilty) Schwartz
- Rosie Schwartz daughter of Joseph A. and Barbara E. (Schwartz) Schwartz
- Lizzie and Lydia S. Troyer daughters of Simon C. and Lizzie W. (Schwartz) Troyer
- Rebecca L. Wickey daughter of Levi and Anna E. (Hilty) Wickey

North East District by Bishop Mose Schmidt on March 30, 1969

- Noah A. Schwartz, son of Joseph E. and Anna E. (Hilty) Schwartz
- Joe L. Schwartz, son of Jake E. and Lydia A. (Hilty) Schwartz
- Emanuel Z. Wickey son of Samuel D. and Mattie (Zook) Wickey
- Levi K. Schwartz, son of Dan M. and Katie E. (Schwartz) Schwartz
- Fannie J. Zook, daughter of Joseph A. and Fennie M. (Hershberger) Zook

When the Winter Going Gets Tough; North East Nebraska Toughs Keep on Going, March 24, 1969

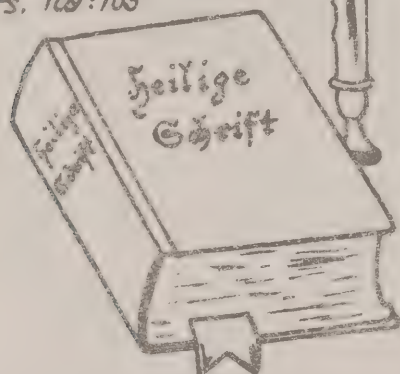
Winter bid the midlands adieu with a surprise thunderstorm on Wednesday of last week unloading .34 of an inch of moisture which included 2 1/2 inches of snow. The storm caused power failures for brief periods in Wayne that evening. Ellen and Concord also reported power outages including telephone service in Concord. Allen High School dismissed classes about noon as the weather continued to worsen. In face of the fact that roads were already impassible in places prior to the storm. As the rain turned to a snow storm in the evening a number of motorists found overnight shelter with farm families.

Albert Hunt no lives here since west of Carroll walked into Carroll on day last week to get his mail. Murray Leisy, who lives south of Ames, rode a horse five miles south to the John Kane home Sunday to get an instrument. He had to take down ropes in places so he could get through the road. John Petersen, living south west of Carroll, brought his tractor and wagon into Carroll Sunday morning loaded with neighbors who wanted to get mail and supplies. Several youngsters rode alone to attend school. Clifford Rhode, with the help of eight neighbors drove 90 head of hogs one and a half mile Monday morning. One of Jack Havansough's trucks met them and picked up the drove, taking them to market.

So it is in the northeast Nebraska where residents have had to fight snow blocked roads since mid-December and are now faced with spring-thaw lollipop roads. Nebraskians are a hardy people however, and when the winter going gets tough, its apparent that Nebraska Toughs know how to keep on going.

(Murray Leisy's daughter Edward works at the Bookstaller Buggy Shop at Tappan, Ind.)

*Dein wort ist...
ein licht auf
meinem wege
Ps. 109:105*



Burkholder, John M. aged 101, Shipshewana R.2, Indiana
John M. Burkholder died Tuesday, February 4, 1969 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Levi B. Hostetler, with whom he had made his home for the past four years.

He was married October 22, 1888 to Elizabeth Hershberger, who preceded him in death March 10, 1921. A daughter Sarah, married to John Hochstetler, died in 1951.

His three daughters and one son are Mrs. Levi B. (Lovina) Hostetler R.2, Shipshewana, Indiana; Mrs. John (Mary Ann) Schwartz and Mrs. Daniel (Elizabeth) Yoder of Nappanee, Indiana and Moses Burkholder, Bowling Green, Missouri

A prayer service was held at the Hostetler home Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. at the John Schwartz home southwest of Nappanee by Bishop Pete Miller.

Fisher Infant

An infant son of Amos E. and Rachel S. Lapp Fisher, Honks R.1, Pennsylvania died Tuesday, March 18, 1969. Burial was in Beiler's Cemetery at Honks with brief services by Benuel S. Fisher

Hostetler, Samuel Y. aged 85,

Samuel Y. Hostetler, Reedsville, Pennsylvania died Friday, March 28, 1969 aged 85 years, 3 months and 17 days. His wife died December 19, 1969. He had not been well since her death.

Lehman, Mervin D. aged 17, LaGrange R.1, Indiana

Mervin D. son of Dan J. and Fannie (Troyer) Lehman was born August 21, 1951, died March 22, 1969 from injuries of a stone thrown into his chest while riding in the buggy.

His seven brothers and five sisters are Ernest, Goshen, Indiana; Noah and Floyd, Topeka R.2, Indiana; Ervin, Ligonier, Indiana; Elva, John and Daniel, LaGrange R.1, Indiana; Mrs. Alvin J. Beechy, Millersburg R.1, Indiana; Mrs. Monroe A. Yoder, Latham, Missouri; Elnora, Mary and Katie at home.

Funeral services were held Wednesday mornig at the home by Bishop Jacob S. Miller, Eli Troyer of Middlefield, Ohio and Ervin D. Hochstetler. At the Mahlon Hershberger residence by John Schrock and John Hershberger of Illinois and Levi Mast.

Peachey, John M. aged 83 years and 29 days, Belleville, Pennsylvania

He died February 13, 1969 from a stroke which he had when he had unhitched his horse after being at the Belleville live stock sale. He was taken to the hospital and was in a coma until he died.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 17 at 1 p.m. by Joshua P. Renno, Belleville and Bishop John Beiler from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Raber, Mrs. Joseph aged 83, Topeka, R.1, Indiana

Mrs. Anna Raber died at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 30, 1969 in Goshen General Hospital, where she had been a patient one month.

Born March 20, 1886 in LaGrange County she was a daughter of Manass and Lydia (Yoder) Bontrager. Her husband, Joseph Raber, whom she married in 1905, preceded her in death a number of years ago. A son, John, died in 1967.

Her three sons and two daughters are Melvin and Jacob, Topeka, Indiana; Levi, Millersburg, Indiana; Mrs. Melvin Yoder, Topeka R.2, Indiana and Susie at home. There are 39 grandchildren and 70 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. by Bishop Amos N. Miller, Topeka R.2, Indiana; burial in the Bontrager Cemetery.

Renno, Bishop John B. aged 79, Belleville, Pennsylvania

He died at his home near Belleville, Pa. on March 29, 1969. He was born at Belleville, Pa. on the day of the great Johnstown flood on May 31, 1889 a son of David Y and Nancy (Byler) Renno. His mother died in 1895 and he was the last surviving member of his family.

He was baptized in 1906 by Bishop John P. Zook and Deaco Jonas Peachy. He was married on December 12, 1912 to Bishop Jonas Byler of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania to Mollie daughter of Jos al Y. and Mary (Hooley) Peachy at Allensville. His wife died on December 5, 1959, aged 68 years.

They had twelve children, three sons died in infancy. The surviving six sons and three daughters are Joshua on the old home farm; David of Juniata Co.; Christ M. on the farm Bishop John was born; Jonas K of White Hall; John R. of Stillwater; Eli of McVeytown; Mrs. Jonas D. (Nancy) Yoder; Mrs. Ezra Y. (Malinda) Peachey with whom he resided and Mrs. John D. (Mary) Swarey of Allensville, Pa.

Funeral services were held April 1 by Christ B. Peachey and Bishop Emanuel K. Peachey; burial in White Hall Cemetery which is on his home farm.

Troyer, Ezra S. aged 69, Goshen, Indiana

Ezra, husband of Mary E. Miller Troyer died March 22, 1969 at the Sarasota Memorial Hospital, Sarasota, Florida.

His five sons and two daughters include Mrs. Arthur (Gladys) Christner of Topeka, Indiana. There are 28 grandchildren, six brothers and three sisters.

Services were held at the Griner Mennonite Church by Joni Beachy and Clarence Yoder

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And already the Indian massacre at the Northkill has slowly been working the same way in Berne Township. The families in the rich and fertile valleys of Lebanon or The Tulehocken were also now scattered and far apart. So only the steadfast remained and those clung close to Maiden Creek for fellowship. This left a strong church in the vicinity of the Stoltzfuses which acquired land from the Kings' tract and built shelter here. Besides the Kings there were Richenbachs, Millers, Yoders, Kauffmans and others in the immediate area.

Christian Stoltzfus being 18 years of age at the time of immigration soon grew to manhood and married just a few months before his father's departure to eternity. In his writing he concludes on May 4, 1774 Christian Stoltzfus and Catherine Gerber were bound into matrimony. I have nothing on hand of her people's whereabouts. But we do learn through a letter of his descendants and also from the writings of Bishop David Beiler¹³ that the early Conestoga church (now East Lampeter and Manheim townships, Lancaster County) consisted mainly of Gerbers, Kurtzes, and Johns or Jantzis.

Like his father, Christian held fast to tilling the soils as an occupation. And likewise, he was an ardent and pious member in church. In this position he also reared a family of five boys and five girls. Three boys were born to his first wife and the rest to his second wife, Elizabeth Lantz, a widow of Samuel Lantz and moreover a daughter of Samuel King, also an immigrant of the old country. Sometime along the line Christian was ordained a minister and a Bishop sometime prior to 1800. It is possible that old Jacob Hertzler ordained him to the first office, but more likely Jacob Mast officiated to the last one, or maybe to both. Jacob Mast likely had charge of the Maiden Creek district until Christian was ordained his successor.

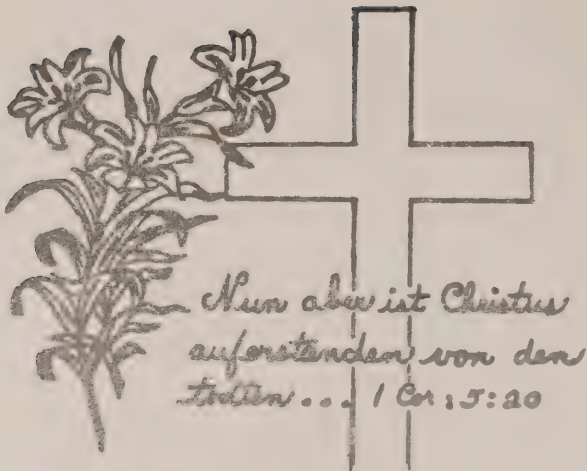
Nicolaus Stoltzfus died in 1774 and was buried in the King Cemetery. Soon after his departure, the Maiden Creek congregation vanished because of circumstances unknown to the writer. But here again the steadfast moved to other parts, still clinging fast to the church they loved and likewise they worked the soil as a livelihood. A good many moved to the Conestoga Valley, some to the Pequea soils, but the Stoltzfus family chose the banks of the Millcreek. Here page after page could be written about the Stoltzfuses implanted in the church, yet engaged in so simple an occupation as tilling the soil.

Because of the diminishing church in Berks County the gravesites were also going down and almost forgotten. It seemed our fathers were not aware of this until around 1920 a few of our fathers came together to restore the Kings graveyard. They built a wall around it and put a new tombstone on the Stoltzfus grave. Besides this they raised a sum of money and elected four trustees to maintain the graveyard. It is still in this position. Otherwise we believe the site would have become lost.

Written by Joseph F. Beiler

13. Eine vermahnung oder andenken von David Beiler

The Diary is to be published monthly as directed by a council group of Ministers and brethren of our church. This issue was compiled by a Lancaster Co., Pa. staff. Abner F. Beiler, Gordonville, Pa., Amos Fisher Ronks, Pa. and Joseph F. Beiler Gordonville, Pa., Sara E. Fisher Soudersburg, Pa. typist, Sara King artist. Subscription rate \$4.00 for twelve 1969 copies. Back copies will be sent upon request. Please do not send cash. Make checks to "THE DIARY" Gordonville, Pa Box 113 E = 17529. All information can be sent direct to the typist except articles of church history should be sent to a staff member. No part of this publication may be reproduced without written permission from the printers.--COPYRIGHT--1969--*Printing by Gordonville, Penna. Print Shop--17529--*



ON THE OBSERVENCE OF HOLIDAYS

From various sources we find that Germany still keeps Easter Monday as a legal Holiday, also Second Christmas, Good Friday, Ascension Thursday, and Pentecost Monday (Pfinchten). And back as far as there were any Germans and Dutch in Pennsylvania these days have been kept here. So it is to be believed that our forefathers have brought this tradition to us from Germany.

In Germany they have Communion on both Easter and on Pentecost. They have church services on Easter morning at 6 o'clock at the cemetery with a short sermon and all the old OSTER LIEDER. Then church at 9 o'clock and the Holy Communion. On Easter monday and on Pentecost monday they have church services at 9 a.m.

The origin of the name Good Friday is not clear. Some say it comes from

Gods Friday (Gottes Freitag). In Germany it is now KARFREITAG and is kept very strictly as it has been for hundreds of years, regardless of rulers like Keiser and Hitler, and even today it is kept in Russian Germany which is communistic, But second Christmas, Easter monday, Pentecost monday and Ascension Thursday have been discontinued there.

On Good Friday in Germany we find the factories, work shops, hotels, cafes, restaurants, and movies closed all day. Trucks and freight trains do not run and passenger service is greatly reduced. A German would not think of doing the slightest work, even the athletes who say there is no God, find it best to keep this day a quiet one. The farmer has his feeding so well prepared that he need only put it into the trough. The women have special meals so well prepared that they need only put on the finishing touches. Radio and television have special programs in honor of this holiday. Churches also have special musical programs. One of the hymns always used is "O Haupt, Voll Blut Und Wunden" page 465 in dina lieder buch (Unpartheyisches Gesang-Buch). Many people that usually go on tours stay at home and meditate on the crucifixion. The laws are so strict on keeping this day that the police are extra alert and if you have wash out on the line you will be arrested. On Thursday evening the church bells ring, some as long as twenty minutes.

Good Friday has been proclaimed a holiday in some States of America, in some Provinces of Canada, also in England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and The Union of South Africa (1950 dictionary). In the earliest times the Christians kept every Friday as a fast day. On Good Friday the Early Christians allowed no festivities, but passed the day in serious contemplation of the awfulness of man's sin, the great sacrifice required for his redemption and the eternal indebtedness of all christians to Christ as their Savior. After the 8th century the Catholics adopted regular services with very change up to this century. Their service included prayer for all branches of the church and all ranks of men, even heretics, schismatics, Jews and heathen. (Catholic encyclopedia VOL VI page 643)

Lo! The winter is past, the rain
is over and gone. The flowers appear
on the earth. The time of the singing
is come, and the voice of the turtle
is heard in our land; E. of S. 2:11-12-13



Our Lord has written the promise
of Resurrection, not in books alone,
but in every leaf in springtime.



March was originally the first month of the Roman year. Till the adoption of the new style in Eritian (1752) the 25th of March was the first day of the legal year. It is named after Mars, a Roman god of war. He was regarded in particular as the father of the Roman people and was presented as terrible in battle and was believed to have power to cast ill winds over the country.

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Adams County, Indiana WEATHER REPORT

March was a month of below normal temperature with an average of 34.6, the normal for March being 38.2 degrees. The lowest was 8 degrees on the 12th and the high 73 on the 19th. Precipitation for the month was only 1.53 inches which is far below the normal of 3.37 inches. Snow fall was a bit above normal with a total of 5.2 inches.

Northern Indiana

March was exceptionally nice with temperature above normal. There was very little temperature variation the first two weeks. At this time it was unusually dry so there were lots of grass fires therefore the fire trucks were called out continually.

Seven weeks without rain extended from January 29th to March 19th. We had only light snow fall during March, not more than 2 inches at a time.

On March 27th the temperature was down to 12 above zero and again on March 31 to 18 degrees above.

Weather and Crop Reports of Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

The weather was mostly cool. We had a nice heavy rain for the month. The ground had had very little moisture before this rain.

There is no report on the crops as of now.

Crop and Weather Reports of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Fields are getting their green look again as the grass is starting to grow. The winter grains withstood the winter very well and not much of it froze out, even though we didn't have much snow.

The frost was out of the ground by March 24th. Since then the weather has been favorable for plowing and a few farmers are nearly finished plowing sod.

Tobacco beds are nearly all steamed and seeded.

Horses and mules are not selling quite as active as they were earlier since farmers are mostly supplied. A few teams are bringing \$800.00 to \$1000.00 per pair. Earlier they were mostly \$500.00 to \$850.00. Straw is \$30.00 a ton; Hay, \$25.00 to \$40.00 for nice alfalfa; corn \$40.00 a ton.

March weather was about average with temperature ranging from 14 to 65 degrees above zero. The 2nd we had 6 inches of snow which didn't last long. The 3rd through 6th was cloudy with high winds. The 7th through 24th was very nice springlike weather and some gardens were planted. The last week in March was changable with occasional rain and some scattered thundershowers. The total rainfall was 1.4 inches.

To our Readers

This is our third edition and we have passed a mark of toil and struggle. Our labor so far cannot be measured in dollars and cents, yet we have a desire to continue the best way we can. Upon request we now established a subscription price which is based on cost of production and postage plus a reasonable margin for things which may be beyond our control. The compilations were strictly donations so far. We are aware of the fact that the price is a shade higher than some competitive papers among us, but let's also assume that we are not receiving benefits by way of wordly advertisements. We will not ask for donations by way of money. The most worthy things we received so far were willing hands giving us information together with kind words and deeds of encouragement from our fellow church people. We are relying on our reporters to inform us about mistakes or corrections.

We have some valuable as well as interesting information to present in the next few publications. We expect our reporters from every section to send us information on ordinations. For the April issue we have a map and directory of Mifflin County, Pennsylvania and an article of the history of Adams County, Ind. Future issues will have a map and directory of Davless County and the Kokomo section of Indiana.

TWO HUNDRED YEARS IN AMERICA

Continued from last month

The Stoltzfuses in Europe

In 1744 Nicolaus made a visit to the court of Zweibrücken⁹ to get permission to marry a Mennonite¹⁰ girl. Here he says he has been referred to this office, "because my parents have not been of this faith and my deceased father, Christoffer Stoltzfus, and my Mother Briezen (the name of her parents occupation meaning forest laborer), and I on the return of my mother into this land after my father's death had to go to strangers for a time of my employment. It was during my stay among strangers¹¹ on the farm of Crom Weissenburg where I decided upon marriage. Now that I am twenty five years of age and have no parents and cannot expect inheritance from them and through such a marriage I could come to the means of a livelihood. I am now living in the hope that my desire will be granted rather than hindered. Most respectful and obedient to your loyal majesty. Nicolaus Stoltzfus" January 14, 1744.

The marriage permit was refused at first but finally it was granted anyway with the restitution that he would with his wife leave the country.

Now the last part of this letter gives us details on how Paul Schowalter even searched the archives for some light on who the Mennonite girl was married to Nicolaus. Unfortunately we have nothing definite to this. He only suggests that the names he finds living on this tauffer hof around 1780 were Bachmans and Cettweilers. The extent of reasoning on this matter must be left undone.

As many other questions face us on this matter the major one to me is when or where did Nicolaus come to the Amish Church. On this one too we can only guess. But there are a few practical courses we can follow. In various Mennonite History books we can see that there was an active Amish Church in this part of Germany near Zweibrücken over these years. Then the question is open. Were these tauffer hof people Amish or Mennonite? With this division having been set in at this time from 1692-1744 or a course of around fifty years, these people should have been clearly distinguished.

On the other hand did the Stoltzfus family just merely arrive to this Maiden Creek section in Berks County? At this particular part there seems to have been very few Mennonites. In these early times of settling this new country the difference in mode was probably quite small and at times the one adhered to the other quite readily.

The Stoltzfuses in America

Now that Nicolaus with his wife and family were living in America we assume they have planned well and worked hard on their favorite occupation as farmers and are faithful church goers in a community uprising with speed. Again we are reluctant to say we have no definite knowledge of the name or maiden name of this progenitor's life companion and the mother of this Stoltzfus multitude of America. We do not even have the exact place of her burial marked. However, we will remember her as Sarah in the days of the patriarchs. Hebrews 11:12 "Derum sind auch von einem wiewohl erstorbenen leibes, viele geboren..." and I Mose 17:16 "Den ich will sie segnen und auch von ihr will ich dir ein sohn geben, den ich will sie segnen und volker sollen aus ihr werden und konige uber viele folker." She is very likely the mother of more bishops, ministers and deacons as well as many faithful laymembers than any other of our church of the same time.

Perhaps about this time the Amish churches of Berks County were about in their prime. However, over these times the scale has changed from one place to another. The Oley Valley congregation has now dissolved and scattered. Evidently many of them going outside for worship. The ones who stood have moved to other parts. The Beilers to Northkill, the Fishers¹² and Kauffmans and others to Chester County. A few of the Yoders to the Conestoga Valley.

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9. Zweibrücken is in the extreme southern part of Germany, approximately ten or twelve miles from the border of France.

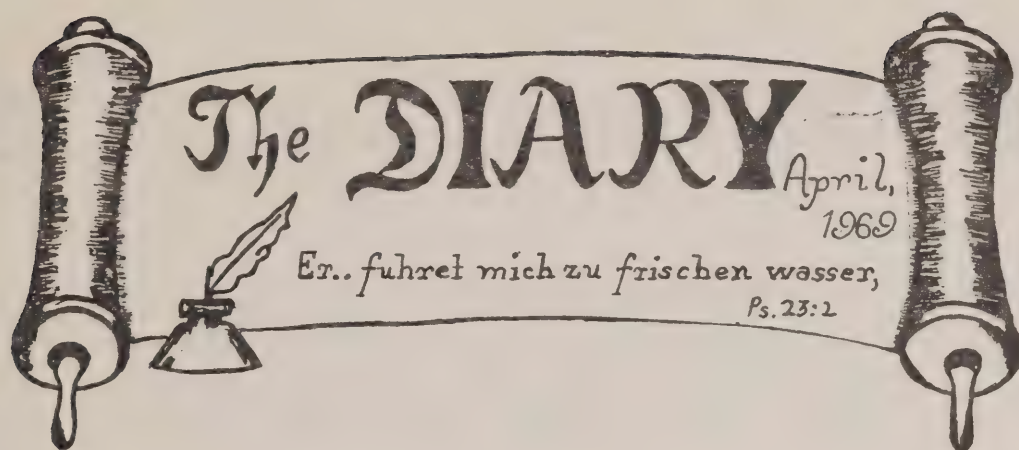
10. Whether this girl was actually a Mennonite or an Amish girl is yet to be found out.

11. Another archive document by Fritz Braum: Nikolaus Stoltzfus trat zuden Mennoniten uber arbeitete als knecht auf dem Mennonitischen hofen in der gegend Kronweissenburg (Weissenburg in Elsass?), spater auf dem Rinckweiler hof. 1759 arbeitete er als friese in dienste des zimmermeisters Johann Petry aus Brenschelbach. Spater war er arbeitgeber des Georg Peter Bollinger. 1759 pachtete er die Goffings nuhle bei Lornbach.

12. Annals of Conestoga Valley by C. Z. Mast.

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LAST SAMPLE



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FALL FROM ROOF FATAL TO LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA MAN

Daniel K. King, aged 73 of Gordonville R.1, Pa. was killed on Tuesday morning, April 8, when he fell 14 feet from the roof of an out-kitchen to a concrete floor at the home of his wife's sister, Susie F. Esh at Bird-in-Hand.

INDIANA GIRL DIED FROM INJURIES IN HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT

Elnora, daughter of Sam E. and Ruby (Miller) Miller of Wolcottville, Indiana died April 23, 1969 at the Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana, aged 7 Yrs. 8 Mo. 8 days.

She suffered severe head injuries and lacerations when the buggy in which she was riding with her mother and sister Delila was struck by an auto driven by Michael Criswell 26 of Rome City. The mother 32 suffered cuts and bruises and was treated and released from the LaGrange County hospital. Delila 3 was admitted to the hospital with a broken arm. Criswell was traveling west when he veered to the left side of the road, striking the east bound buggy. His auto traveled 675 feet along the side of the road and into the ditch. Wreckage from the buggy was scattered for many feet. Although the impact wrecked the front of his car, Criswell fled from the scene and abandoned his auto in Rome City.

In addition to her parents and sister she is survived by four brothers Kenneth, Raymond, Devon and Monroe, the paternal grandmother Mrs. Emery (Mary) Miller of R.1 LaGrange, Indiana, the paternal great grandmother Mrs. Uriah (Rebecca) Miller of R.1 Shippshewana and the maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. William Miller of Centerville, Michigan.

INDIANA HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

On Monday morning, March 3, 1969 the house of Ora H. and Alma (Miller) Bontrager was damaged to the extent that the entire house had to be torn down. The fire was caused by a defective kerosene cook stove. Very little furniture was saved. The flames and smoke spread through the house very rapidly and the mother had very little time to get the children out.

JUNIATA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA FIRE

In the night of April 15, 1969 Emory Weaver's sawmill and Mike Kauffman's pallet shop combination burned down from fire which started in the diesel room. It was a total loss estimated at \$22,000. They have rebuilt on the same site, 40-180 feet, ready to open in May.

TWO INJURED IN LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ACCIDENTS

Samuel, 6 year old son of Daniel and Aary Stoltzfus, Soudersburg, was caught and dragged by a plow which was being operated by his brother. He suffered a compound fracture of the leg and a fractured skull. He was in the hospital two weeks and is now recovering at home.

Joseph L. Fisher who lives on the home farm with his father, Amos H. Fisher broke his foot on April 10, 1969. He had a ladder on the porch roof to get up to the house roof. The ladder fell and he fell with it. His foot was caught in the ladder and his weight was on the foot when he landed on the concrete below. He had 45 fractures in his foot. He is in traction at the Osteopathic Hospital in Lancaster, Pa. and will possibly be there a total of 12 weeks. Their home address is Ronks R.1, Pa. 17572

Let us remember our bereaved ones in prayer



"Lasset die Kindlein zu mir kommen."

Matth. 10:14



BIRTHS

Buchanan County, Iowa

Bontrager, Eddie D. (Annie Troyer) Hazleton, Iowa a daughter MATTIE, April 3
 Gingerich, Daniel R. (Susie Kurtz) Hazleton, Iowa a daughter MARTHA, March 25
 Helmuth, Perry D. (Esther Schmucker) Hazleton, Iowa a stillborn daughter, April 15
 Kurtz, Andy Jr. (Sarah Hostetler) Fairbank, Iowa a daughter SARAH, April 16
 Mullet, Eli E. (Verba Mast) Fairbank, Iowa a daughter ESTHER, April 5
 Schwartz, Jake M. (Mattie E. Miller) Hazleton, Iowa an adopted dau EDITH April 4
 born March 21, 1969

Adams County, Indiana

Eicher, Elmer B. (Sylvia C. Christner) a son SAMUEL, April 12
 Eicher, John H. (Mattie Schwartz) a son April 18
 Girod, David M. (Rebecca R. Wickey) a son REUBEN April 22
 Schwartz, Daniel W. (Lovina S. Girod) a son SAMUEL April 13
 Schwartz, Elmer D. (Emma Graber) a daughter April 17
 Schwartz, Elmer L. (Ida Yoder) a son JAKE April 25
 Schwartz, Menno G. (Katie C. Christner) a daughter April 29
 Shetler, Levi J. (Mary S. Hilty) a daughter April 30
 Wengerd, Noah N. (Josephine M. Girod) a son DANIEL April 12

Daviess County, Indiana

Graber, Enos (Anna Weaver) a son March 14, 1969
 Graber, Glenn (Beulah Graber) a daughter MARY JANE, April 5
 Graber, Joe (Rachel Stoll) a son, March 1969
 Graber, John (Lydia Wagler) a son, IRA, March 7
 Knepp, Ervin (Lillie Wagler) a daughter REGINA, April 4
 Knepp, Paul (Martha Lengacher) a daughter LORA ANN, April 25
 Knepp, Willis (Nora Graber) a son ALBERT JAY, April 26
 Knepp, Wilmer (Katie Wagler) a son WILMER DEAN, April 23
 Stoll, Melvin (Frances Lengacher) a daughter LENA ROSE) April 14
 Wagler, Arthur (Fannie Margaret Raber) a dau GLENDA, March 6
 Wagler, Francis (Vera Knepp) a daughter SHARON KAY, April 6
 Wagler, Lester (Ida Mae Knepp) a son DALE, April 15

LaGrange County, Indiana

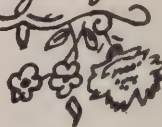
Bontrager, David (Katie Bontrager) R.1, Goshen, a son VERNON DEAN, March 25
 Bontrager, Freeman J. (Mary Ellen Troyer) R.4, LaGrange a dau MARILYN SUE, April 25
 Eash, Mervin (Gertie Bontrager) R.2, Shipshewana, a dau (by adoption) MARY, April 10
 Hostetler, Daniel (Mary Kurtz) R.2, Topeka, a daughter ROSANNA, April 10
 Hostetler, Edward (Mary Schrock) R.2, Topeka a dau LORETTA FERN, April 15
 Hostetler, Edward J. (Anna Marie Bontrager) R.4, LaGrange, a son DAVID LEE, April 5
 Hostetler, Levi H. (Katie Raber) R.1, LaGrange, a son PERRY, April 17
 Kauffman, Sam (Lydia Troyer) R.1, Middlebury, a dau MARY ETTA, March 14
 Keim, Leander (Anna Miller) R.2, Topeka, a son April 2
 Lambright, Edward Jr. (Esther Wingard) R.1, Topeka, a son MAHLON, April 2
 Mast, Jonathan (Annabelle Schlabach) R.1, Goshen, a dau MEREDITH ANN, April 18
 Miller, Leo (Lydia Lorene Eash) R.1, Middlebury, a dau REBECCA, April 25
 Otto, Perry (Edna Miller) R.1, Middlebury, a daughter LEETTA, March 18
 Yoder, Olen (Treva Chupp) R.4, Goshen, a son WILLIE BRYAN,

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Enos K. (Fannie King) R.1, Strasburg, a daughter RACHEL, April 25
 Beiler, Jacob E. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) R.1, Christiana, a son April 27
 Beiler, Levi L. (Rachel F. Stoltzfus) R.1, Strasburg, a son AMOS, April 19
 Dienner, Jacob S. (Ada K. Stoltzfus) R.1, Gordonville, a son April 12
 Ebersol, Benjamin (Salone Lapp) R.1, Bird-in-Hand, a daughter ANNA, April 23
 Esh, Benjamin P. (Lydia Lapp) 2471 Horseshoe Road, Lancaster, a dau SUSIE, April 20
 Fisher, Gideon (Rebecca Esh) R.1, Ronks, a son HENRY, April 10
 Fisher, Levi S. (Lizzie Smucker) R.1, Strasburg, a dau SARAH, April 8
 Glick, Isaiah (Ariana Stoltzfus) 2409 Horseshoe Road, Lancaster, a dau KATIE, April 24
 Glick, John R. (Rebecca Fisher) R.3, Quarryville, a son ELAM, April 16
 Glick, Moses (Elizabeth Stoltzfoos) R.1, New Providence, a son AMOS, April 19
 Glick, Samuel S. (Katie K. Stoltzfus) 99 Quarry Road, Leola, a son BENJAMIN, April 15
 Kauffman, Christian S. (Mattie K. King) R.1, Honey Brook, a daughter LYDIA, April 5
 Lantz, Aaron B. (Lizzie S. Stoltzfus) R.1, Gordonville, a son ISAAC, April 21
 Lapp, Christ K. (Anna Mary Stoltzfus) R.1, Gordonville, a daughter, SARAH, April 27



*In meines vaters
 Hause sind viele
 Wohnungen. Joh. 14:2*



Lapp, Jonathan (Lydia Mae Stoltzfus) R.2, Narvon, a son _____ April 18
 Petersheim, Moses R. (Rachel S. Glick) R.1, Bird-in-Hand, a dau FANNIE, April 19
 Smucker, Daniel B. (Mary S. Fisher) R.1, Gordonville, a son JOHN, April 26
 Stoltzfoos, Paul B. (Anna Lapp) R.2, New Holland, a son LEVI, April 23
 Stoltzfus, Amos K. (Sadie S. Fisher) R.1, Gap, a son DANIEL, April 27
 Stoltzfus, David F. (Fannie S. Zook) R.1, Christiana, a son, LEVI, April 18
 Stoltzfus, Elam H. (Anna Mary Fisher) 182 Quarry Road, Leola, a dau LINDA MARIE, April 5
 Stoltzfus, Elam S. (Sarah Beiler) 105 Horseshoe Road Leola, a son BENUEL, April 17
 Stoltzfus, Stephen (Nancy Blank) R.1, Bird-in-Hand, a son _____ April 3

Johnson County, Iowa

Chupp, Irvin (Marjorie Miller) a son _____ April 17, 1969

Centre and Mifflin Counties, Pennsylvania

Stoltzfus, Daniel (Saville Stoltzfus) Spring Mills, a dau SADIE, April 11
 Stoltzfus, Melvin (Katie Fisher) Millheim, a son ELAM, April 20
 Wengerd, David S. (Emma Peachey) Belleville, a daughter MARY, April 13

OBITUARIES

Eicher Infant - Samuel, infant son of Elmer B. and Sylvia C. (Christner) Eicher of R.1, Geneva, Ind. died April 12

Graber Infant - Paul B. infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Graber, Shipshewana, Ind. died 2½ hours after his birth at LaGrange County hospital. Graveside services were held April 28 in East Barrens Cemetery with his grandfather, John B. Troyer, officiating. He has three sisters, Elizabeth Ann, Christina and Kathryn and a brother, David Ray all at home. The grandparents are Levi (Lizzie Bontrager) Graber and Mr. and Mrs. John B. Troyer all of Shipshewana.

Kurtz Infant - The infant daughter of Andy Jr. and Sarah (Hostetler) Kurtz, Fairbank, Iowa died April 17, 1969

Lantz Infant - Michael K. infant son of Aaron K. and Priscilla (Kauffman) Lantz, R.2, Myerstown, Pa. died April 19. Graveside services were held by David Smoker at the Amish Cemetery of Lebanon County, Pennsylvania.

Nisley Infant - Graveside services for the stillborn daughter of John and Barbara (Miller) Nisley of R.1, LaGrange were held in the Miller Cemetery April 19 by Dan M. Hochstetler.

Hochstetler, Malinda aged 93, Nappanee, Indiana

Mrs. Hochstetler died April 20 at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Miller. She was born November 22, 1975 in Elkhart County and leaves 205 relatives. Her three sons and five daughters are Perry L. Shipshewana; Ora L. Nappanee; Monroe of Paraguay, South America; Mrs. Amos (Edna) Chapp, Shipshewana; Mrs. David (Barbara) Miller, Nappanee; Mrs. Albert (Emma) Hershberger, Walnut Creek, Ohio; Celesta Hochstetler, Nappanee, and Mrs. Amanda Miller. She had one brother, two half sisters, two half brothers, 55 grandchildren, 132 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 22 by Bishop John Schwartz and Mervin Farnwald.

King, Daniel K. aged 73, R.1, Gordonville, Pennsylvania

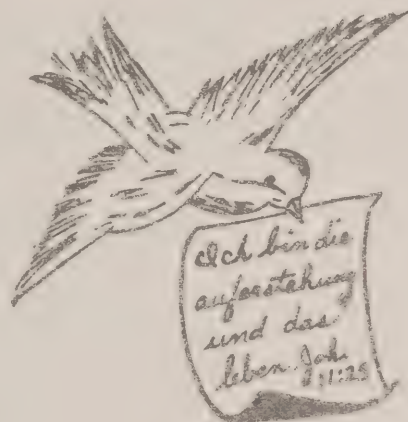
Daniel K. husband of Lizzie F. Esh King died on April 8, 1969. He was born in Leacock Twp. a son of the late David F. and Mattie King King. His two daughters and one son are Mary wife of Steven Lantz, Intercourse; Katie wife of Samuel Swarey, Soudersburg; and Daniel R. Gordonville. He has nine grandchildren. His brothers and sisters are Christ, R.1, Paradise; Aaron, R.1, Bird-in-Hand; Henry, Lebanon; Benjamin, Samuel, Lydia and Annie all of R.1, Gordonville.

Funeral services were held by Amos Esh of Lebanon and Lloyd Beiler of R.2, Narvon, Pa. Text was I Corinthians 15:50 -58. Abram Beiler read "Gute nacht ihr meine lieben," at the house and "Das grab ist da" was read by Jonas Ebersol at Myers Cemetery. Benediction was by Stephen E. Stoltzfus.

Kurtz, Manelius B. aged 25, R.1, Ligionier, Indiana

Manelius B. husband of Elsie Petersheim Kurtz died in his sleep early Tuesday morning April 1, 1969. Born November 18, 1943 the son of Ben J. and Mary Beechy Kurtz he was a log cutter employed at the Miller saw mill. He widow is the daughter of Jacob and Sarah Schrock Petersheim of R.1, Topeka and they were married October 24, 1963. He has 2 little daughters Ella Mae and Edna Arlene. His three brothers and four sisters are John, Topeka; Jacob, Crist, Barbara Ann, Susie Ellen and Ella at home and Mrs. Joe (Mattie) Fry, Topeka.

Funeral services were held April 3 at the Andrew L. Bontrager residence by Bishop Abe Mast and Alvin Lambricht ; burial in Hawpatch Cemetery.



King, David P. aged 83, Ronks R.1, Pennsylvania

David P. widower of Sarah King King and Rebecca Stoltzfus Fisher King died April 8. He had been in failing health a number of years but was bedfast less than a week. Born in Leacock Twp he was a son the the late David and Nancy Petersheim King. He has 193 survivors and these children, Annie, wife of Benjamin G. Lantz, Gordonville R.1; Ephraim K. King Ronks R.1; Daniel K. King, Horseshoe Road, Lancaster; Sarah, wife of John Z. Lapp, Gordonville R.1, Pa. John K. King, Atglen R.1; Mary, wife of Jonas S. Beiler, Ronks R.1; Enos K. King, Paradise R.1; Miss Sylvia King and Miss Malinda King both at home. There are 62 grandchildren, 62 great grandchildren and these five step-children, Samuel S. Fisher, Ronks R.1; Lizzie, wife of Amos Lantz, Gordonville R.1; John S. Fisher, Lancaster; Benjamin S. Fisher, Mifflinburg R.2; and Sarah, wife of Ephraim K. King. Ronks R.1; There are 25 step-grandchildren and 30 step great grandchildren. He was the last of his immediate family.

Funeral services were held in a shed with approximately 600 people attending. The weather was mild for the time of year but a light rain fell. Opening sermon was by Jonas King and main sermon by Bishop Amos E. King, hymns were read by Henry Beiler and John Z. Fisher. Some seventy teams followed the hearse to Myer's Cemetery where he was buried beside his first wife.

Miller, Joni P. aged 64 Yrs. 10 Mo. and 8 days, R.1, LaGrange, Indiana

Joni P. son of Pete J. and Elizabeth (Miller) Miller was born June 15, 1904 and died in the LaGrange County Hospital April 23, 1969.

He was married to Gertie Schrock on November 26, 1925. His three sons and 5 daughters are Ray, R.1, LaGrange; Lester C., Shipshewana; Levi, Benton Harbor, Michigan; Mary, wife of Lester Hochstetler, LaGrange; Barbara, wife of John Nissley of LaGrange; Clara, wife of Mervin Schofield, Denver, Colorado; Betty, wife of Aaron Esh, Bart, Pennsylvania; and Viola, wife of Elis Miller, Sarasota, Florida. There are 33 grand children and 5 great grandchildren.

Schlabach, Mrs. Sam aged 72 years, 2 months and 10 days, R.2, Topeka, Indiana

Edna (Yoder) Schlabach daughter of John H. and Susanna (Bontrager) Yoder was born Nov. 19, 1896 and died January 29, 1969. She was married to Sam A. Schlabach on November 23, 1916 and was a member of the Amish Church. She has 7 daughters and 1 son, 40 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. Her children are Susan, wife of Will Stutzman, Topeka, Ind.; Fanny, wife of Christian L. Christner, Wolcottville, Ind.; Ervin, married to Fannie Troyer, Topeka, Ind.; Elizabeth, wife of Elmer F. Bender, Wolcottville, Ind.; Edna, wife of John L. Mast, Topeka, Ind.; Mattie, wife of Ira Mullet, Topeka, Ind.; Katie, wife of Felty H. Fry, Topeka, Ind. She has a sister Mrs. Noah J. Yoder, Shipshewana, Ind. and a brother Dan Yoder, Elkhart, Ind. Three daughters preceeded her in death.

Funeral services were held at the Mahlon Hershberger residence on February 2 by Bishop David Nissley, Topeka, Menno N. Schlabach of Holmes County, Ohio and Bishop Amos N. Miller.

Stoltzfus, John F. aged 72, 57 Strasburg Pike, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

John F. husband of the late Malinda Stoltzfus Stoltzfus died April 1, 1969 at the home of his daughter Ada, wife of Abner Fisher. His wife died in 1958. He had been in failing health and for a number of years his children took turns to take care of him in their homes.

He was born in West Earl Township, a son of the late Eli B. and Rachel Fisher Stoltzfus. His children are Miss Mattie Stoltzfus, R.1, Bird-in-Hand; Rachel, wife of John E. Smoker, Ronks R.1; Mary, wife of Aaron S. King, Lancaster; Ada, wife of Abner Fisher, Lancaster; Melinda, wife of Aaron G. Fisher, Mount Joy; Sarah, wife of Stephen U. Fisher, Gordonville R.1; Emma, wife of Jacob R. Beiler, Lancaster; Katie, wife of Menno B. Fisher, Lancaster; Eli S. Honey Brook R.2; Daniel S., Narvon R.2; John S., Lancaster; Henry S., Mount Joy R.2; Amos J., Lancaster; and Benueel S., Orange Walk, British Honduras.

There are 61 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. His 3 sisters and 2 brothers are Mrs. Katie Zook, Leola R.1; Mrs. Fannie Stoltzfus, Quarryville R.3; Lydia, wife of Emanuel F. Lapp, Gordonville R.1; Samuel F., Ronks R.1 and Elam F., Leola R.1, Penna.

Funeral services were held April 3 by Sam Zook and Henry U. Fisher, burial in Myers Cemetery at Leola.

EDITORIAL

We wish to thank our reporters for their faithfulness and encourage them to keep up the good work. On the other hand we ask you to bear with us if your material does not get used. We try to use discretion in filling our space with worthwhile material but sometimes we do not have the right size space needed for certain articles. Reporters, please write on only one side of the paper. The sheets have to be cut to sort according to subjects. Remember to send your reports before the 5th of each month.

BYLER DISTRICT (Continued)

U. Jesse Swarey-----Elsie Byler
V. Joe J. Yoder-----Fannie Peachey
W. Sam Sharp-----Mary Byler (Hostetler)
from Lawrence County
X. Henry Y. Byler-----Annie Peachey
Mary Y. Byler and Fannie Y. Byler
Y. Uria Zook-----Ella Byler
Z. Norman Byler-----Salina Zook
AA. Isreal R. Peachey-----Salina Byler
BB. Jesse Z. Byler-----Mary Peachey

MARRIAGES

Hazleton, Iowa

Abe, son of Christ and Maryann (Mast) Raber and Katie daughter of Mrs. Ada (Helmuth) Helmuth were married April 10 by Bishop Levi J. Bontrager

LaGrange County, Indiana

Corneal A. Wickey son of August Wickey and Lena Schrock of Jamesport, Missouri were married April 27 by Bishop Amzie Troyer

Daviess County, Indiana

Eli, son of Noah and Emma (Wagler) and Diana, dau of Frances and Viola Graber March 13 by Bishop Ben E. Wagler

Amos, son of Henry and Lydia Raber and Leah daughter of Ezra and Annie Yoder March 18 by Pete Yoder, Aylmer, Ontario

Elmer, son of Mrs. William Knepp and Elvina, dau of Louis and Mary Graber March 20 by Levi Graber

Lloyd, son of Abraham Graber and Sylvia, dau of Henry S. Wagler March 30 by Bishop William Graber

John Marner and Betty Jean Lengacher, April 6, 1969 by Bishop Ben E. Wagler

Floyd Raber and Mary Margaret Knepp, April 10, 1969 by Bishop Levi Graber

BAPTISMS

Daviess County, Indiana

Larry, son of Ben A. and Margaret Graber by Joe L. Graber

Lavarn, son of Simeon and Katie Graber; Melvin, son of William and Ida Graber; Melvin, son of William and Ida Graber; Roman, son of Raymond and Evelyn Stoll and Martha, daughter of Levi and Katie Wagler by Bishop William Graber

Ray, son of Joe and Barbara Lengacher; Dale, son of Ora and Anna Stoll; Larry, son of Ervin and Tillie Knepp and Clara, daughter of Alva and Lydia Raber.

Adams County, Indiana

East District church by Bishop Dan M. J. Schwartz

Katie K., daughter of Daniel D. Schwartz; Rosie M. daughter of Jacob E. Schwartz; Jacob, son of Dan M.J. Schwartz; Joe T. son of Christian M. Schwartz; Wilson T. son of Truman Yoder; William M. son of Jacob E. Schwartz; Andy, son of Levi K. Schwartz; Jonas J. son of Andy K. Swartz.

Jacob S. Miller district, February 23, 1969

Daniel, son of Albert and Lydia Mae (Lambright) Miller; Mary, daughter of Dan J. and Lydia (Helmuth) Fry; Kathryn, daughter of Willard and Ella (Miller) Miller; Anna Marie and Barbara daughters of Dan and Ida (Hershberger) Lehman; Katie D. daughter of Dan J. and Fannie (Troyer) Lehman

Joni B. Miller district, February 9, 1969

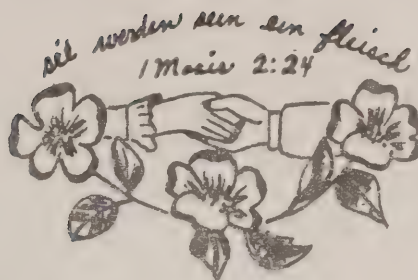
Alvin H. son of Harold and Elizabeth (Beechy) Miller; Willis, son of Henry and Abbie (Miller) Each; Andy U. son of Urias and Beulah (Miller) Miller; Mary, daughter of Melvin and Susie (Nissley) Miller; Marietta and Ida Anna daughters of Alton S. and Elizabeth (Hochstetler) Miller; Mabel, daughter of Noah and Sarah (Miller) Mullet; Leanna, daughter of Ervin S. and Fannie (Troyer) Schlabach.

Amos U. Miller district, South Honeyville

Lavern, son of Ezra M. and Sue (Miller) Yoder; Freeman, son of Ben and Barbara (Bontrager) Gingerich; Glen, son of Orla and Edna (Yoder) Troyer

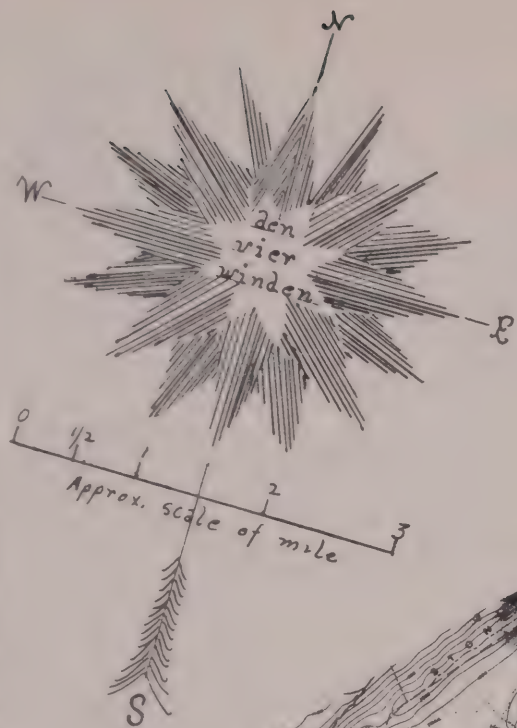
Crist Troyer district, West Honeyville, March 23, 1969

Joni, son of Manas A. and Elizabeth (Miller) Bontrager; Levi, son of Jonas and Rosa (Bontrager) Bontrager; Levi, son of Crist and Susie (Yoder) Troyer



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Mann Narrows-has long been noted for the eastern gateway to the Valley. Look out--provides an excellent view of the Valley. Note the elevation. Kishacoquillas R.R. served the Valley in its time. Dismantled in 1944.



THE BIG VALLEY MAP
 Compiled by a reader & edited by the staff
 1-Numbers indicate Renno District residents
 A-Initials are Byler, (Yellow Top)
 +-The Nebraska (White Top) area
 School house Numbers Cemetery Initials
 1 Sunnyside A Allensville
 2 Waynesburg B White Hall (Amish)
 3 White Hall C Locust Grove
 4 Clear View encircled, Mann Narrows
 5 Mountain View and Look out
 ----- Railroad



UPPER DISTRICT

1. Emanuel K. Peachey-----Mattie Peachey
Steven Swarey-----Nancy Peachey
2. Jacob Byler-----Nannie Yoder
3. David Peachey-
Bennie Peachey-----Sadie Yoder
4. Jacob J. Peachey-----Annie Peachey
5. Menno Zook-----Mary Zook of Lanc. Co.
6. Sam Kanagy-----Mary Peachey
7. Isaac P. Yoder-----Salina Peachey
8. Jesse S. Peachey-----Nancy Peachey
Mary Peachey
9. Sam Detweiler
Jacob Kanagy
Henry Summy
10. Jesse A. Detweiler-----Fannie Yoder
11. Christ K. Swarey-----Lena King
Noah Yoder
12. Noah Detweiler-----Katie Zook
13. Joe B. Detweiler-----Susan Yoder
14. Jonas Zook-----Sarah Detweiler
15. Sam Y. Detweiler Sr.
16. Bennie D. Peachey-----Sarah Swarey
17. Aaron Swarey-----Mary Byler
18. Shem Swarey-----Fannie Peachey
Noah L. Peachey-----Rachel Yoder
19. Korie N. Yoder-----Lizzie Swarey
David M. Swarey-----Annie Peachey
20. John D. Swarey-----Mary Renno
21. Joe N. Peachey-----Sylvia Peachey
22. Ezra F. Peachey-----Miriam Swarey
23. David P. Yoder-----Barbara Peachey
13. Korie E. Peachey-----Fannie Peachey
14. Jonathan C. Swarey-----Susie Kanagy
15. Iddo Bender-----Mima
16. Crist B. Peachey-----Rebecca Wengard
17. Isreal M. Peachey-----Lomi Peachey
18. Samuel Swarey-----Mary
19. Enos D. Peachey-----Lizzie Lee
20. Jonas K. Renno-----Drusilla Swarey
21. Ezra Y. Peachey-----Malinda Renno
22. Steven N. Peachey-
Korie N. Yoder-----Susan
23. Aaron Z. Peachey-----Barbara Zook
24. Isreal B. Zook-----Mattie Yoder
Mrs. Katie Zook
25. Rufus A. Peachey Sr.-Annie Zook
Rufus A. Peachey Jr.-Fannie Kauffman
26. Aaron J. Peachey-----Lizzie Kanagy

LOWER DISTRICT

1. Sam Peight Jr.-----Sarah Swarey
2. Noah Yoder-----Katie Peachey
3. Sam Peight Sr.-----Annie Peachey
Abie Z. Peachey-----Katie Peight
4. Dan Peight Sr.-----Lena
5. Joe Hostetler Sr.
6. Joe Hostetler Jr.-----Nancy Peachey
7. Sam P. Yoder-----Rachel Peachey
8. David S. Wengard-----Emma Peachey
9. Joe Peight-----Lizzie Yoder
10. Dan A. Hostetler-----Leah Peachey
11. John L. Peachey-----Lydia Peachey
12. David C. Peachey-----Lizzie Peachey
13. Samuel J. Peachey-----Annie Peachey
Ezra Peachey-----Ada Hostetler
14. Bennie S. Peachey-----Gertrude Kanagy
15. Dan Kanagy-----Rebecca Beiler of Lanc.
16. Andy Byler-----Annie Yoder
17. Noah Kanagy-----Leah Yoder
18. Moses Kanagy-----Annie Yoder
Kanagy Girls
19. Levi Kanagy Sr.-----Lydia
Levi Kanagy Jr.-----Judith Swarey
20. Steven Kanagy Sr.-----Katie Peachey
Steven Kanagy Jr.-----Annie Swarey
21. Samuel T. Peachey-----Salina Peachey

BYLER DISTRICT

1. Samuel M. Yoder-----Susan Renno
2. David S. Kanagy-----Katie
3. Eli M. Wengard-----Mary Zook
Mrs. Mary Swarey
4. Joe E. Peachey-----Barbara Yoder
Dan L. Peachey-----Fannie Yoder
5. Ezra B. Swarey-----Mary Yoder
Mrs. Noah Yoder
6. Dan M. Peachey-----Julia Peight
7. Dan M. Peachey-----Susan Swarey
8. Dan M. Bender-----Arie
9. Jonas D. Yoder--
10. Menno K. Yoder-----Rachel Peachey
Nancy and Beckie Peachey
11. Moses A. Peachey-----Malinda Wengard
David J. Peachey-----Lizzie
12. Dan Y. Peachey-
13. John R. Peachey-----Katie Peachey
14. Daniel A. Peight-----Katie Yoder
15. Christ D. Swarey-----Rachel Peachey
1. Korie E. Kanagy-----Sarah Swarey
2. Sam Wengard-----Hettie Peachey
Mrs. Solomon Wengard
3. John B. Kanagy-----Mary Renno
4. David N. Peachey-----Lydia Kanagy
5. Rufus N. Peachey-----Lizzie Kanagy
Sam R. Peachey-----Lizzie Kanagy
6. Uria D. Swarey-----Nancy Kanagy
7. Jacob Swarey-----Ella Byler of Ohio
8. Christ M. Renno-----Leah Peachey
Mrs. John M. Peachey
9. Joshua H. Peachey-----Annie Peachey
10. Joshua P. Renno-----Katie Swarey
11. David C. Swarey-----Rebecca Zook of Lanc. Co.
12. Isreal B. Peachey-----Katie Peachey
13. Joe I. Peachey-----Lizzie Peight
- A. Ezra J. Kanagy-----Lavina Byler
- B. Dan R. Peachey-----Bertha Byler
- C. Henry Byler-----Barbara Peachey
- D. Emanuel Byler-----Sadie Hostetler
Dan Y. Hostetler
- E. Daniel E. Byler-----Mary Swarey
- F. Jothem R. Zook-----Mary Yoder
- G. Rudy R. Byler-----Rebecca Yoder
Jothem R. Byler
- H. Sylvanis E. Peachey-----Katie Swarey
- I. Jacob E. Byler-----Nannie Byler
- J. Jacob E. Peachey-----Esther Byler
- K. David E. Zook-----Lena Byler
Widow Leah Byler
- L. Joe Byler-----Sarah Lantz
- M. Daniel M. Yoder-----Fannie Swarey
- N. Eli D. Peachey-----Linda Byler
- O. Amos K. Yoder-----Mollie Byler
- P. Ben Zook-----Katie Peachey
Joe Zook-----Barbara Yoder
- Q. Jacob L. Kanagy-----Hannah Lapp
- R. David Z. Peachey-----Linda Byler
- S. Henry B. Peight-----Hannah Kanagy
- T. David Detweiler-----Katie Zook

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ORDINATIONS

Lobet den Herrn, ihr seine Engel, ihr starken Helden,
die ihr Seinen befehl ausrichtet, das man hore auf die
Stimme seines Worts.

Lobet den Herrn, alle seinen Herrscharen, seine Diener,
die ihr seinen Willen tut!

Psaln 103:20-21

*Dein wort ist...
ein licht auf
meinem wege
Ps. 108:105*



Buchanan County, Iowa

John Yutzy, aged 48, was ordained April 12, 1969 in Bishop Atlee Shetler's church district. Fairbank, Iowa R.1

Abraham J. Yoder, aged 42, was ordained Deacon April 13, in Bishop John Nissley's church district. Hazleton, Iowa.

Adams County, Indiana

Daniel W. Schwartz, R.1, Monroe, Indiana, born October 5, 1939, was ordained in Bishop Joseph L. Schwartz's church district. With him in the lot was Reuben N. Schwartz

North East Clinton District, Indiana

Lloyd J. Miller, aged 42, born March 30, 1927, son of Jacob R. and Katie (Miller) Miller, was ordained April 27, 1969 by Enos Troyer

Juniata County, Pennsylvania, South District

Adam Byler, aged 31, Mifflintown R.1, Pa. was ordained April 6. He is a son of Minister Joe L. Byler and brother to Bishop Gideon Byler of Lawrence Co. P. His wife Nancy is a daughter of Rufus R. Kanagys. Three others in the lot were Levi Kanagy, Christ K. Swarey and John Petersheim.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, Upper Middle District

Daniel L. Peachey, aged 43, Belleville R.1, Pa. was ordained April 6, 1969 by Emanuel K. Peachey. He is the son of Deacon Joseph E. and Barbara Peachey, his wife Fannie is a daughter of Widow Lizzie Yoder and the late Bishop Noah D. Yoder. Others in the lot were Crist Swarey and Eli Wengerd.

Lower Middle(former John B. Renno district)

Kore M. Yoder, aged 29, Belleville R.1, Pa. was ordained April 12, 1969. He is the son of Samuel P. and Rachel Yoder, his wife Anna is a daughter of Samuel and Mary Swarey. Others in the lot were Jacob Swarey, Isreal B. Peachey, Jonas Renno, Joseph I. and Josiah Peachey, Ezra Y. and Ammon Peachey, David C. and Jonathan Swarey.

Upper District (Emanuel K. Peachey)

John D. Swarey, aged 43, Allensville, Pa. was ordained a deacon April 13, 1969. He is a son of David M. and Annie Swarey, his wife is a daughter of the late Bishop John B. and Molly Renno. Others in the lot were Jonas Zook, Joseph Detweiler, Ezra F., Joseph N., Jesse S., and Bennie E. Peachey.

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, West District

David F. Lapp, aged 24, Myerstown R.2, Pa. was ordained May 3, 1969. He is a son of John K. and Rachel Fisher Lapp, his wife is a daughter of Bishop Isaac and Mattie Lapp Zook. Others in the lot were John K. Lapp, John I. Smoker, Levi S. King, Amos G. Lantz, Isreal Esh and Elam G. Lapp.

Lower Pequea District, Pennsylvania (Jacob Zook)

Jonathan Lantz, aged 40, Gap R.1, Pa. was ordained Deacon April 19, 1969. He is a son of Amos S. and the late Anna Kauffman Lantz, his wife Lydia is a daughter of Elam and Sallie Allgyer Stoltzfus. Others in the lot were Christian Zook, Christ Petersheim, Christ Dienner, John L. Beiler, Benueel M. Stoltzfus, Elam A. Riehl and Daniel L. Stoltzfus

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Lower Pequea Northest District

Gideon King, aged 31, Gap R.1, Pa. was ordained April 24, 1969. He is a son of Widow Annie (King) King and the late Amos K. King, his wife Barbara is a daughter of David and Bena Stoltzfus Glick. Others in the lot were Elmer Beiler, Isaac Stoltzfus and Christ Stoltzfus

Kinzers District

Stephen M. Fisher, aged 51, Kinzers R.1, Pa. was ordained April 24, 1969. He is the son of Henry Z. and Sarah Stoltzfus Fisher, his wife Katie is a daughter of the late Moses B. and Rebecca Stoltzfus Glick. Others in the lot were Jacob Beiler, Henry Zook, Ezra King, Henry Fisher, Daniel Stoltzfus, John King, Samuel Stoltzfoosand Amos Stoltzfus.

Northwest Georgetown District

Christian R. Petersheim, aged 31, Christiana R.1, was ordained April 25, 1969. He is the son of Enos and Sadie Riehl Petersheim, his wife Fannie is the daughter of Gideon and Mary King Fisher. Others in the lot were Elam Beiler, Samuel Zook, Enos King, Melvin Lapp, Ira Beiler and Reuben Fisher.

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barrels and even then some of it spoiled enroute. Many kegs of drinking water were taken aboard together with wine and other staple beverages. Bread kept best after it had been double toasted. A few dried fruits were included to provide variety as canned fruits were then unknown. Living quarters became extremely crowded and sleeping conditions were very poor as well as rather unhealthful. Due to lack of proper food and sanitation facilities sickness was prevalent and epidemics of contagious diseases could not be prevented as vaccines and medical care as we know them today were then unknown.

It was not unusual that ten percent of the people aboard a ship would die on a trip from Europe to America. For lack of embalming facilities burial of loved ones has to be made immediately at sea. But fortunately the Schwartz's did not lose any of their family at sea. When they encountered storms at sea their ship tossed and rolled furiously but there was a railing all around the deck to guard passengers from falling into the sea. These storms sometimes lasted two or three days causing plenty of confusion, anxiety, suffering and seasickness. It was almost impossible to walk on the boat when such storms occurred and it often upset tables and rolled the seasick passengers from their berths. The little vessel with its massive sails was often tossed about like a feather; masts were broken and sails torn which had to be repaired before the ship could proceed on its hazardous journey. After all this time on the ocean, the Schwartz's were still more than eight hundred miles from their destination.

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ORDINATIONS (Continued)

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Nime Points District, Northwest

Daniel S. Stoltzfus, aged 28, Christiana R.1, Pa. was ordained April 27, 1969. He is the son of Samuel M. and Katie Stoltzfus Stoltzfus, his wife Rebecca is the daughter of Stephen and Katie Glick Fisher. Others in the lot were Joseph Kauffman, David Fisher, Elam Lapp, John King, Samuel Stoltzfus, Amos Stoltzfus and Stephen Stoltzfus.

Southeast Millcreek District

John K. Stoltzfus, aged 39, Ronks R.1, Pa. was ordained Deacon May 1, 1969. He is a son of the late Daniel and Widow Fannie King Stoltzfus, his wife Sarah is a daughter of the late Ephraim and Widow Annie Esh Stoltzfus. Others in the lot were Eli Miller, Jacob E. Beiler, Benjamin Riehl, David Miller and Benjamin Esh.

Nine Points East District

Samuel L. Stoltzfus, aged 47, Christiana R.1, Pa. was ordained May 2, 1969. He is a son of the late Isaac and Sarah Lapp Stoltzfus, his wife Fannie is a daughter of Lizzie and the late Minister David R. Blank. Others in the lot were Amos Kauffman, Benjamin Kauffman, Eli Esh, John Blank and Elam King.

Georgetown Northeast District

Isreal Beiler, aged 43, Christiana R.1, Pa. was ordained May 3, 1969. He is the son of Deacon Henry Beiler, his wife Nancy is a daughter of Widow Nancy and the late Benjamin Stoltzfus. Others in the lot were Enos King, Ammon King, Amos Glick, Isaac Beiler and Samuel K. Stoltzfus.

Lower Pequea District (Smyrna)

Amos S. Fisher, aged 36, Christiana R.1, Pa. was ordained May 4, 1969. He is the son of Henry Z. Fisher, his wife Leah is a daughter of Isaac and Sadie Lapp. Others in the lot were John King, Solomon Stoltzfus and Elmer Lantz.

DIE LENGESTER DIENERFERSAMLUNG

Ey nun ferlei uns Heilicher Geist, Das Wir uns halten allermeist,
Nach Dieser ersten Kirchen Weis, Dir Herre Gott zu Lob und Preis.

War gehalten den 21'sichten April an dem Bishop John S. Glick (von Georgetown) heimat. Das wetter war schön un die beiwohnung war völich ausgenommen zwei. Der Diener zahl war 174 und das war auch Chester, Lebanon, Adams und Centre County eingemommen. Es hat angefangen am morgen 7:50. Erst mit ein Dank spruch gegen Gott für die schon zulassung und gesundheit mitgetheilt, dann auch zu der Diennerschaft für die ernstheft und früh bewohnen. Darnach war die vorschstellung geführt vom Bishop Aaron Esh. Er ist im ein funftzehten(15) yahr dieser versammlung vorgeger. Vor ihm war der Bishop Benjamin Beiler die versammlung vorgegangen, doch glaubich der Aaron R. Glick hat vielleicht ein mol oder so ein vorstellung gemacht in Zwischen zeit

Die vor stellung war viel gleich wie wir es gewöhnlich hohren in der gemein, doch mehr wichtig und ausdrücklich. Da zu hat die gang Diennerschaft darüber beraten and das ganz einich fürdie geboten Gottes miteinander zu halten. Welch ein sängen zum Frieden!

Nach mittag haben die Diener besucht ein abwechsel zu schaffen mit eimander den gemeinen zu dienen, ein jeglicher nach seinen beruf.

Darnach sind die diener vermahnt werden wie es ihnen pflegt zu diener der gemein im bau halten auch helfen frieden schtiften und der hochmut strafen mit ernst und willichlich ein jeder nach seinen beruf. Zu leztst ein gebat geführt, aus gegangen etwas nach drei uhr.

Some writers say April means second as it was the second month in the old Roman calendar. More likely it was named after Aprilis from Aperire a Latin word meaning to open, because the buds open at this time of year. It is one of the most cherished months to people working with nature. The strange custom of making fools on the first of April by sending people upon errands and expeditions which end in disappointments, and raise a laugh at the expense of the person sent prevails throughout Europe. In France the party fooled is called an April fish.

April has thirty days. It had no legal holidays except when Easter comes in this month. Then it has two Christian holidays, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Here in the east we also observe Easter Monday.

WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS

Buchanan County, Iowa

April was cool and wet. Oats were sown the latter part of the month. Grass and seedings are coming nicely.

Johnson County, Iowa

The month of April was rather cool, with a low temperature of 32 degrees on the 28th. We had ample rainfall. Oats were sown about ten days later than usual.

Adams County, Indiana

April was nearly normal with a record of 80 degrees the highest and the low was down to 12 degrees. We had 3.71 inches of rain during the month which is a little above average.

Pennsylvania

Lebanon County reports mostly cool with a mice amount of rain, total for month was 3".

Belleville area had 2.7 inches of rainfall in April.

Juniata County weather during April consisted of frequent but light showers and many drying winds. Farming is on schedule and crops are normal. Precipitation for the year so far is 4.05 inches below normal and for the month of April $\frac{1}{2}$ inch below normal.

Bareville area reports 3.3 inches of rain in April

In Lancaster County April came in cool and cloudy, with scattered showers. The week of the 7th through 13th we had warm spring weather with temperatures in the eighties. We had one shower that week with $\frac{1}{4}$ inches of rain in about 40 minutes. The next two weeks were cloudy and damp with come scattered thunder showers. April 25th we had frost in the morning, with temperatures at 35 degrees. In the latter part of the month we had fair springlike weather. The total rainfall for April was 3.7 inches.

The Lancaster County crops look good. Grasses and grains are making good growth. Cows are out on pasture. The potatoes are planted but not many are farmed in Lancaster County anymore. Tobacco seedlings are up. The first asparagus and rhubarb was ready to eat the week of April 14. Strawberries and fruit trees are blooming. Lambs for the Easter market were selling high; 18 to 35 lb. lanbs brought 62 to 71 cents a pound; 35 to 55 lb. 46 to 46 cents a pound; 60 to 80 lb. 37 to 44 cents a pound. Fat steers brought 30 to 33 cents a pound; hogs 23 cents a pound top price.

The Jacob Maser estate sold a farm of 46 acres in the Mascot area at public sale. A local man bought it for \$108,000 or \$2,348 an acre.

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When good friends walk beside us,
On the trails that we must keep,
Our burdens seem less heavy,
And the hills are not so steep.
The weary miles pass swiftly,
Taken in a joyous stride,
And all the world seems brighter,
When friends walk by our side.



HISTORY OF THE PRESENT AMISH CHURCH OF ADAMS COUNTY, INDIANA

Founded by Johannes Schwartz and Family in 1853

Johannes Schwartz, a native of Canton Berne, Switzerland was born November 11, 1798. In 1826 he was married to Anna Ramseier, who was born in France in the year 1803, a daughter of John and Barbara (Kaufman) Ramseier. She died at Berne, Indiana on July 25, 1872 and is buried on the Huser Farm two miles west of what is now Berne, Indiana. Johannes Schwartz died on December 30, 1883 and was buried three miles north of Berne, Indiana on his son Peter Schwartz's farm, now called the Schwartz Cemetery. He brought his family of ten living children to America of which three of the boys settled in Adams County and one son John settled in Allen County, Indiana.

Johannes' parents suffered much persecution and in an effort to escape it they moved from Switzerland into Montbelir, France where they had more freedom of worship. After persecution in Switzerland abated they returned, but within a short period of time again went to France on an estate called Saur in Debardema Du Du.

Johannes saw the clothes worn by the last martyr, Haszlibacher, and he drank water from the Berne town well which is said to have turned to blood during and after the execution of the man from Haszlibach. (See song No. 140, Ausbund Song Book)

Johannes and Anna (Ramseier) Schwartz resided one and one half miles from Santiglit, Department Dauchs, France. This was about six hours from the city of Montbelir and nine hours from Belford. On account of their conscientious objection to compulsory military training in their home land they eventually decided to migrate to America.

Their knowledge of the country to which they were about to migrate was unbelievably scant. What little they knew they had gathered from land and travel agents who told fabulous stories of the land across the "Western Sea," which possessed riches untold and offered glorious opportunities for all. So when they compared their poverty-stricken condition with the glamorous possibilities of the New World they finally decided to risk the great undertaking. Leaving behind a comparatively well settled and somewhat developed region in their Fatherland, they little realized what fate had in store for them in the future.

Of even greater propensities were the grief and sorrow incurred by departing from their friends and loved ones, their families and neighbors, all acquaintances and all the scenes of their childhood which were so dear to their hearts, to go to a land unknown to them and more than three thousand miles away across the wild and stormy deep. On December 2, 1852 John and Joseph, sons of Johannes Schwartz, left their home in France for Paris, the first stage of their journey to America. On December 6 they sailed from Havre and arrived in New York on February 2, 1853 after a fifty eight day voyage on the Atlantic Ocean.

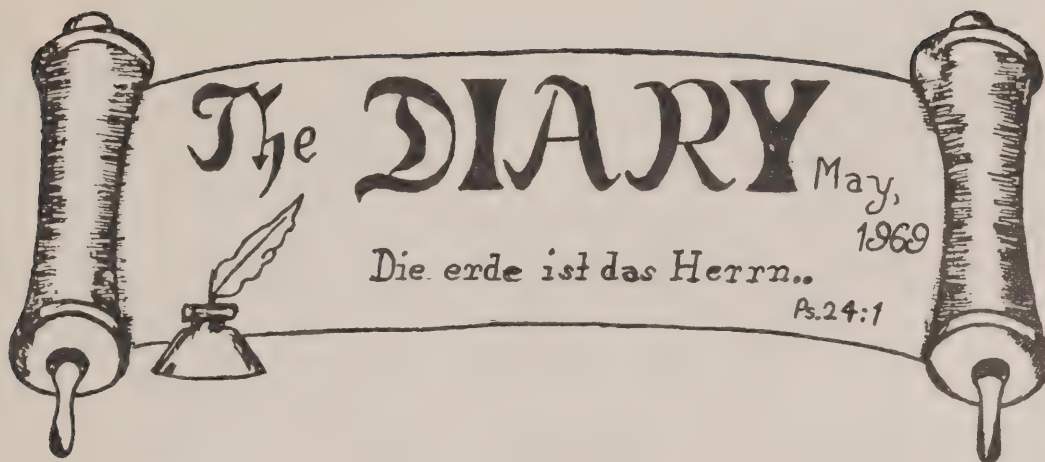
After leaving New York Joseph became ill and was confined to a Buffalo, New York hospital for several weeks. After his recovery they continued on their journey to Stark County, Ohio. In the latter part of April, 1853 fifty two persons with eleven teams and wagons started west for Allen County, Indiana.

In May 1853 Johannes Schwartz and the rest of the Schwartz family also left France and sailed for America. In the autumn of that year they arrived in Adams County, Indiana and settled in virtual wilderness. They had borrowed money to finance the trip to America, and after long years of hard work and thriftiness were able to repay the loan.

The sad departure cannot very well be described in so many words, but the thought of leaving their native country, almost certain never to return to it again, and to leave behind all their friends and relatives, never to see them again, must have been heart-rending to say the least. Their bravery, courage and hope for something better than that which they were leaving must have been their only consolation. All this manifested their unquestionable, positive faith in God with Whom all undertakings were entrusted.

When they boarded ship they did not step into a luxurious ocean liner as we see them today. Rather, it was a small wooden ship, 23 feet wide on deck, 99 feet long and 13 feet in the water. The masts supporting the sails were 125 feet high, and the wind in these sails was the only power available to propel that ship across the 3,000 miles of Atlantic Ocean. Although steamships had been in use on lakes and streams the sailship was still the favorite for ocean navigation. Conditions aboard the ship were anything but agreeable. The eatables taken on board were not very good and not too plentiful. Meat was salted and packed in

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BOY DIED AFTER BEING STRUCK BY CAR

Amos J. 5-year-old son of Sylvan and Lizzie King died May 21 at Lancaster General Hospital about an hour after he was struck by a car in front of Leaman Place Store.

Amos with his brother Christie and a cousin Lizzie Petersheim were getting ready to cross the Lincoln Highway at the Leaman Place store where they were headed to purchase supplies for their school picnic. Lizzie just got done saying that when this car is past they can go and so quick Amos stepped out in front of the car. He died from head, neck and internal injuries, also had two broken legs and one broken arm.

He has two brothers and one sister, Christie, Stevie and Salome at home. His maternal grandmother is Mrs. Elizabeth King, Leola R.1 and his paternal grandparents are Amos E. and Sadie King, Ronks R.1. His paternal great grandparents are Samuel L. and Salome Stoltzfus, Gordonville R.1. Pennsylvania.

Funeral services were held at the late home, Paradise R.1, Pa. on Friday, May 23, at the house by Aaron E. Fisher, hymn by David Esh; services in the barn were held by Samuel K. Lapp and Sylvan Stoltzfus, hymn by Levi King; at the graveyard a hymn was read by Jacob A. King, benediction by John E. Lapp. Burial was at Gordonville Cemetery.

GIRL'S ARM CUT OFF BY GRASS MOWER

Katie S. Yoder, 13, daughter of Amos F. and Barbara Stoltzfoos Yoder of Gap R.1, Pa., had the misfortune on May 31 of falling off a horse drawn grass mower as it went over a bump. She was thrown over the wheel and landed with her left arm in front of the cutting bar. The arm was cut and torn completely off below the elbow. Her brother Daniel, 12, tied his handkerchief tightly around her arm and she ran to Route 30 and stopped the first car for help. She was taken to the hospital by ambulance. The severed hand was also taken to the hospital but could not be successfully put back on. She was put under dope because of the severe pain.

ELKHART COUNTY, INDIANA DEATH

On Saturday, May 3 at 5:50 P.M. Vernon Schmucker Goshen R.1 and his 4-year-old son Steven were going down the road walking behind a harrow. When they got to the bottom of the hill a car (their neighbor) came and hit them, throwing both of them into a muddy ditch. Little Steven was killed and Vernon is in the Goshen Hospital with a broken pelvic and cuts on his head. He could not be home for the funeral. Vernon is now released from the hospital and recovering fairly well.

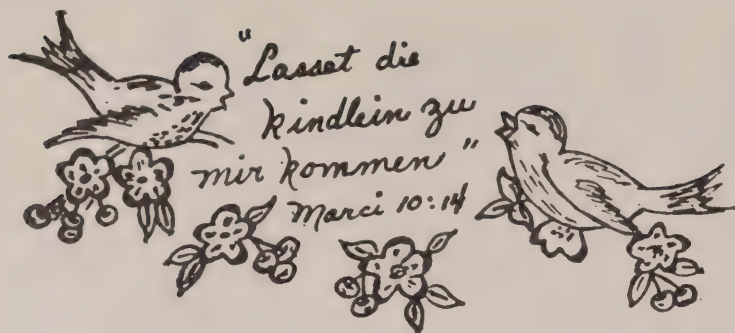
HUNTSBURG, OHIO BUDGET SCRIBE DIED

At least one thousand people attended the funeral of the Huntsburg, Ohio Budget scribe, Reuben R. Byler on May 19. He had been suffering with Hodgkins Disease for several years, and was in and out of the hospitals often in the last year, where blood transfusions would help a lot but didn't last very long. He was in church about a month before his death, the day after his forty second birthday.

INDIANA BOY DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION

John, 13, son of Deacon Reuben Steurys died from smoke inhalation and burns from the fire they had on their upstairs caused by a kerosene light which they used as a night light. Their other son Allen also had burns and smoke inhalation but the firemen used mouth to mouth resuscitation which brought him to and rushed him to the hospital. He is coming along quite well by last reports.

Let us remember our bereaved ones in prayer



BIRTHS

St. Mary's County, Maryland

Kurtz, Soloman J. (Mary Stoltzfus)
Mechanicsville R.2, Maryland
a son ELI, May 22

Stoltzfus, Joseph S. (Susie Stoltzfus)
Mechanicsville R.2, Maryland
a son ELAM, May 19

Swarey, Benjamin S. (Katie Stoltzfus)
Charlotte Hall, Maryland
a son STEPHEN, May 30

Buchanan County, Iowa

Miller, Bennie (Linda Yoder) Fairbank, Iowa a son JOE, May 10
Shetler, Ivan A. (Mary Yutzy) Hazleton R.1, a daughter MARTHA, May 19
Yutzy, Norman G. (Ida Miller) Hazleton R.1, a son ELMER, May 10

Middlebury, Indiana

Miller, Minister Roy W. (Wilma Bontrager) a daughter IVY, May 20

Adams County, Indiana

Schwartz, Jacob V. (Magdalena Wickey) Geneva R.2, a daughter LIZZIE, May 14
Wengerd, Solomon N. (Saloma Eicher) Berne R.2, A daughter ROSINA, May 6

Davies County, Indiana

Eicher, Willis and Barbara a son NATHAN, May 14
Graber, Henry (Catherine Graber) a son WILMER DALE, May 1
Knepp, Joe (Viola Lengacher) a daughter LORETTA, May 19
Raber, Joe (Rosemary Wagler) a daughter BERTHA, May 11
Wagler, Cletus (Katie Stoll) a son _____, May 27

Elkhart County, Indiana

Bontrager, Freddie (Katie Miller) Goshen, a son _____ May 14
Bontrager, Glen E. (Pollyanna Miller) R.1, Middlebury, a daughter LORENE, April 29
Chupp, Samuel (Pearl Louise Schwartz) Fort Wayne (IW service) a STILLBORN SON, May 16
Miller, Alvin (Elsie Jones) R.1 Middlebury a daughter LINDA, May 10
Miller, Elmer H. (Marilyn Yoder) R.1, Goshen, a daughter NORMA, April 28
Miller, Harley Jay (Wilma Beachy) R.1, Goshen, a son GLEN JOE, April 30
Nisley, LeRoy (Mary Ellen Lehman) R.1, Goshen, a son STEVIE, May 6

LaGrange County, Indiana

Beechy, Ora J. (Ruby Miller) R.2, Topeka, a son FLOYD, May 23
Bontrager, Ervin R. (Viola Schlabach) R.1, Millersburg, a daughter _____ May 6
Bontrager, Ora H. (Alma Miller) R.4, LaGrange, a son JONI, May 16
Graber, Henry D. (Mary Yoder) R.4, LaGrange, a daughter LEONA, May 8
Lehman, Dannie D. (Ada Bontrager) R.4, LaGrange, A son LEROY, May 18
Mast, Mervin L. (Fannie Miller) R.2, Topeka, a son PAUL, May 25
Miller, Ervin M. (Rosa Miller) R.1, Topeka, a son FLOYD, May 7
Miller, Orva P. (Ella Schlabach) R.1, Shipshewana, a daughter ELNORA SUE, May 17
Raber, Joseph L. (Martha Schlabach) R.1, Shipshewana, a son DEVON RAY, May 4
Yoder, Raymond M. (Edna Miller) R.2, Topeka, a daughter _____ May 12

Deauga County, Ohio

Fisher, Chris H. (Mary J. Weaver) Middlefield, a daughter ESTHER, May 20
Hershberger, Melvin J. (Sarah A. Kauffman) Burton, a son IRVIN, May 13

Lifflin County, Pennsylvania

Kanagy, Samuel (Mary S. Peachey) Allensville, a son JACOB, May 13
Yoder, Preacher Daniel M. (Annie Swarey) Belleville, a daughter _____ May 30
Zook, Urie J. (Ella Byler) Belleville, a daughter _____ May 31

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Fisher, Noah B. (Annie Petersheim) a daughter EDNA, May 26
Kinsinger, Henry R. (Cora Brenneman) a son SIMON, May 31
Yoder, Lewis P. (Annie Yoder) a son JOHN, May 2

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New Haven, Indiana

Graber, Jonas (Emma Graber) a son LESTER
 Graber, Louie (Mary Graber) a daughter MARY LOU
 Graber, Robert (Verna Schwartz) a daughter LORETTA
 Schwartz, David (Barbara Eicher) a son DAVID
 Schwartz, Joe (Lilly Eicher) a son _____
 Zehr, Menno (Maryann Brandenberger) a daughter MIRIAM



Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Amos S. (Sadie Lapp) R.1, Ronks, A daughter KATIE L., May 29
 Beiler, David (Sarah Stoltzfus) 186 Geist Road, Lancaster, a daughter _____ May 23
 Blank, Ephraim K. (Susie Esh) R.1, Bird-in-Hand, a daughter AMANDA, May 16
 Esh, Jonas S. (Mary L. Esh) R.1, Gordonville, a son ELMER, May 18
 Fisher, Amos C. (Rachel Stoltzfus) R.1, Strasburg, a daughter MARY, May 12
 Glick, Simeon (Mary Zook) R.1, New Holland, a son JOHN, May 31
 King, Levi S. (Rebecca S. Smoker) R.1, Gordonville, a son JACOB E., May 23
 Riehl, Moses G. (Sylvia S. Esh) R.1, Gordonville, a STILLBORN DAUGHTER, May 27
 Smoker, Mervin (Rachel Esh) R.1, Gordonville, twin sons MELVIN and MERVIN, May 15
 Smucker, Raymond (Sara L. King) R.1, Narvon, a son ANDREW RAY, May 2
 Stoltzfus, Abner L. (Sarah B. King) R.1, Bird-in-Hand, a son JONAS K., May 29
 Stoltzfus John U. (Katie K. Esh) R.2, Honey Brook, a daughter MARY E., May 5
 Yoder, Leroy M. (Annie S. Lapp) R.1, Ronks, a son LEROY J., May 4
 Zook, Amos Z. (Emma S. Allgyer) R.1, Gap, a daughter VERNA, May 31

OBITUARIES

Allgyer, Sallie E., R.1, Gap, Pennsylvania, aged 31

Sallie, wife of John R. Allgyer died at 3:30 p.m. on Ascension Day, May 15, at her home. She complained of not feeling well the day before but said she felt better Thursday morning. She was resting in the afternoon when her husband realized there was something wrong and called the neighbors for help. They called the ambulance but she had passed away before it arrived.

She was born in Paradise, Twp., a daughter of Joseph S. and Mattie Esh Fisher of Ronks R.1. She was a member of the Old Order Amish church where her husband was ordained a minister a year ago.

Her four children are Joseph, Samuel, Ruth and Martha all at home.

Her brothers and sisters are Samuel E. Fisher, Paradise, R.1; Malinda, wife of Ira Beiler, Paradise R.1; Barbara, wife of John M. Stoltzfus, Leola; Leroy E. Fisher, Wilmington, Del.; John E.; Jonas E.; Joseph E.; Stephen E.; Ammon E.; David A.; And Emanuel E., all at home with their parents.

Funeral services were held May 17 at the home of John S. Lapp, Gap R.1 by Emanuel Fisher and Melvin Beiler, hymn read by Jonas Ebersol. Burial was in Millwood Cemetery where Emanuel Lapp read a hymn and Bishop Sam F. Stoltzfus had the benediction.

Beiler, Hannah, aged 86 years, 10 months and 1 day, of Paradise R.1, Pennsylvania

Mrs. Beiler who was the widow of Joseph Lapp and Jonas Beiler died Tuesday, May 13 and has 205 survivors. She was born in Leacock Twp a daughter of the late Amos and Mattie Smoker Lapp.

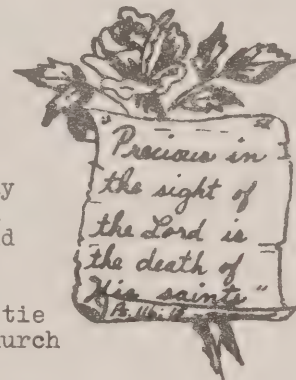
Her children are Mattie, wife of Benjamin B. Lapp, Paradise R1; Mrs. Annie Lapp, Intercourse; Lydia, wife of Christ B. Beiler, Ronks R1; Joseph S. Lapp, Quarryville R1; Samuel L. Lapp, Daniel L. Lapp, both of Ronks R1; and Fannie, wife of Benjamin Petersheim, Lancaster. She has 48 grandchildren and 63 great grandchildren. Her stepchildren are Elam Beiler, Ronks R1; Mrs. Lizzie King, Strasburg R1; Henry D. Beiler, Lancaster R4; Mary, wife of Samuel Fisher, Gordonville R1; Jonas S. Beiler, Miss Fannie Beiler, Miss Lydia Beiler, and Christ P. Beiler, all of Ronks R1. She has 31 step-grandchildren and 44 step-great grandchildren, three brothers and one sister, John S. Lapp, Levi Lapp, both of R1, Gordonville and Annie, wife of John D. Miller, Bird-in-Hand R1.

Funeral services at the house were conducted by David Fisher, hymn #370 was read by David Esh. Services in the barn by Amos L. Lapp and Amos S. Lapp, hymn #360 by Bennie Lantz. At Myers Cemetery David Lapp read jymn #366 and benediction was by Aaron Fisher.

Glick, John R., aged 90 years, 1 month and 10 days of Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania

John R. Glick, husband of the late Susan Lapp Glick died May 19 after a long illness. He was born in Upper Leacock Twp., a son of the late John L. and Leah Renno Glick.

His children are Mrs. Mary King, Lancaster; Emma, wife of Levi King, Witmer; Leah, wife of Solomon M. Beiler, Leola; Miss Susie at home; Katie, wife of Jacob Speicher, Witmer and Aaron J., Bird-in-Hand R1; He has 26 grandchildren; 51 great grandchildren and a brother, Amos R. Lancaster.



Funeral services were held from the Aaron J. Glick residence, Bird-in-Hand R.1, Wed. May 21; burial in Myers Cemetery. Sermons were by Amos U. Glick and Aaron Esh, Amos L. Stoltzfus read hymn "Welt Hinweg ich bin dein müde" (page 437). At the graveyard Elam Zook read "Nun bringen wir den leib zur ruh" (page 474), Ephraim Riehl had the benediction.

Kauffman, Rachel, aged 72 years, of Christiana R.1, Pennsylvania

Rachel S. wife of Benjamin M. Kauffman died Tresday, May 6 after a lengthy illness of heart trouble. She got worse the last few weeks and was not able to lie down. She wasn't in bed the last four nights.

Born in Caernarvon Twp., a daughter of the late Amos M. and Barbara Esh Stoltzfus, she resided in the Christiana area 23 years. She has 107 survivors.

Her children are Sara, wife of Samuel S. Lapp, Christiana R.1; Rachel, wife of Christian Esh, Leola R.1; Malinda, wife of Henry Esh, Ronks R.1; Rebecca S. wife of Elmer L. Fisher; Katie, wife of Ivan Fisher; Amos M.; Samuel S.; Joseph S., all of Christiana R.1; Jonathan S., Gordonville R.1; Benjamin E. and John S., both of Christiana R.1. She has 80 grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Her three brothers and one sister are Levi E. Stoltzfus, Jacob E. Stoltzfus, both of Bird-in-Hand R.1; Benuel E. Stoltzfus, Quarryville R.3 and Barbara, wife of Joseph R. Blank, Narvon R.2.

Funeral services were held by Bishops Aaron Esh and Dan E. Stoltzfus. A hymn was read by Levi Kauffman at the house and one at the graveyard by Deacon Jacob S. Stoltzfus, benediction by Samuel K. Fisher. Pallbearers were four grandsons, Jacob Kauffman, John Esh, Benjamin Lapp and Jacob E. Kauffman, burial in Fisher's Cemetery.

Lantz, Samuel L., aged 67 years of Gap R.1, Pennsylvania

Samuel, husband of Mary Smoker Lantz died unexpectedly Sunday, May 4 at his home. Born in Upper Leacock Twp., he was a son of the late Benjamin and Mary Lapp Lantz.

His children are Barbara, wife of Abram Dienger, Gap R.1; Naomi, wife of Elmer B. Stoltzfus, Kinzers R.1; Benjamin S. and Levi J., both of Paradise R.1, and Christian M. of Leola. His four brothers and one sister are John and Jonathan, both of Lebanon R.1; Aaron, Strasburg R.1; Benjamin, Gordonville R.1; and Fannie, wife of Aaron K. King, Bird-in-Hand R.1. He has 21 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held from the Elmer B. Stoltzfus residence, Tuesday, May 6, burial in Millwood Cemetery.

Miller, Noah J., aged 86 years, 1 month and 28 days of LaGrange R.1, Indiana

He died May 17 following an illness of 2½ years. He was born in LaGrange County, Indiana on March 19, 1883, the son of Jacob J. and Mattie (Nisley) Miller.

Noah was married Jan. 30, 1902 to Fannie, daughter of Emanuel and Barbara Miller. Their children that survive are Mattie, wife of David W. Miller of Florida, Mose N. of Shipshewana, Ind., Lizzie Ann, wife of Chris D. Miller, Middlebury, Ind., Jacob N. and Amos N. both of LaGrange, Indiana. His wife Fannie died April 20, 1914

Noah married the second time Dec. 3, 1914 to Lizzie, daughter of Dan D. and Mary Ellen Frey. Surviving of this marriage is one daughter, Mary Ann, wife of Alvin L. Yoder with whom Noah had his home. Lizzie died October 25, 1918.

Noah married the third time on April 3, 1919 to Sarah S. Hershberger, daughter of Dan G. and Cathrine Hershberger. Their children that survive are Ernest N. of Topeka R.2 and Lydia Mae at home. Sarah died August 20, 1929.

Noah married the fourth time to Mary Miller (Hostetler) widow of Daniel S. Hostetler and the daughter of David B. and Susanna (Yoder) Miller.

Petersheim, Jonas N., aged 78 years, 6 months and 2 days of Juniata County, Pennsylvania

He died at his home on May 14. He was born at LaGrange, Indiana on November 12, 1890, a son of Noah C. and Anna (Harshberger) Petersheim. He lived at Arora, West Virginia 9 years and in Geauga County, Ohio 13 years, in Lawrence County, Pa. 8 years, in Dover, Del. 43 years and the last 2 years at Mifflintown, Pennsylvania.

He was married in Lawrence County, Pa. in 1914 to Nancy J. Byler by her father Bish. Jonas K. Byler. His wife died in 1951. His two children are Malinda wife of Adam Schrock of Cashton Wisconsin and Bishop Tobias Petersheim with whom he resided. He has 18 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren and one brother Rudy of Geauga County, Ohio and one sister Mary Hershberger of Holmes County, Ohio.

Funeral services were held in Juniata County by Bishop Yoni F. Byler and Seth Yoder and in Delaware by Dan A. Yoder and Simon Swartzentruber, burial in Delaware.

Petersheim, Lovina, aged 39 years of Hazleton, Iowa

Lovina (Gingerich) Petersheim, daughter of Dan and Dora Gingerich was born July 19, 1929, died May 22, 1969. She was married to Levi Petersheim Nov. 6, 1952 and lived in matrimony 16 years, 6 months and 16 days. To this union were born 5 sons and 3 daughters.

She seemed to be in her usual health till the 25th of April when the scholars came home from school they found her on the porch floor unconscious. She was taken to the hospital where she was found to be in a very serious condition and was sent to the University Hospital in Iowa City. They found that a blood vessel had burst on the brain and she was unconscious for one day. She lingered for 10 days then shortly after midnight the 5th of May she had a severe attack which left her completely helpless till she peacefully fell

asleep the morning of May 22. The funeral was held at the home May 25th conducted by John and Jake Schmucker. In the little house by Dave Gingerich of Clark Missouri and Levi Nisly of the home church; at the neighbors place by Jonas Bontrager of Clark, Mo and Bishop Simeon Hostetler of Jamesport, Missouri. A large number of friends attended from Indiana, Missouri, Wisconsin, Ohio and Kansas.

Schwartz, Anna Z., Aged 1 month and 9 days of Geneva R.2, Indiana

Anna Z. daughter of Jona E. and Emma (Eicher) Schwartz died May 21 at the home after a four day illness of pneumonia. She has five sisters Bertha, Esther, Fannie, Katie and Mattie all at home.

Slabaugh, Mrs. Enos C., aged 67 years of Burton, Ohio

The community was shocked with the sudden illness and death of Mrs. Enos C. Slabaugh. She had been in her usual good health and were getting ready to have church. She had to have some small growths cut out of her mouth to get new teeth, and soon was listless and forgetful, then went into a coma a week later (Thurs. Morn.) and died Sat. eve. Church was changed to Raymond Millers but used the eats she had helped orded and prepare.

Stoltzfus, Aaron, aged 79 of Gap R.1, Pennsylvania

Aaron, husband of the late Fannie Fisher Stoltzfus died May 18. He was found dead in bed by his son Aaron Sunday morning. Born in Salisbury Twp., he was a son of the late Gideon and Sarah Stoltzfus Stoltzfus.

His five daughters and six sons are Elizabeth, wife of Jonas K. Beiler, Honey Brook; Susie, wife of Amos K. Stoltzfus, Elverson R.2; Naomi, wife of Samuel Esh Jr., Gordonville R.1; Sarah, wife of John N. Smoker, Kinzers R.1; Barbara, wife of Elmer Mast, Parkesburg R.1; Isaac F., John F., and Elmer, all of Gap R.1; Gideon K., Atglen R.1; Aaron F. at home, and Jonathan, Intercourse. He has two brothers, Amos U. Stoltzfus, Ronks R.1, and Gideon M. Stoltzfus, Narvon R.1, and one sister, Mrs. Rachel King, Ronks R.1; 52 grandchildren, and 39 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 20 by Christ Glick and Elam Zook, burial in Millwood Cemetery.

Yoder, Joseph D., aged 37 years of R.1, Goshen, Indiana

He died May 23 after being in failing health for some time and death was caused by a heart ailment and complications. He was born in LaGrange County, Indiana on June 24, 1931, the son of Dan and Nora Yoder.

Surviving are his mother with whom he resided and 7 sisters, Mrs. John (Verna) Glick, and Mrs. Amos L. (Amanda) Mast, both of Topeka, Mrs. Henry (Katie) Mullet, Nappanee, Mrs. Lee (Anna Mae) Bontrager of Shipshewana, Mrs. Levi J. (Wilma) Yoder and Mrs. Melvin (Orpha) Hershberger, both of Goshen and Mrs. Samuel (Martha) Hostetler of Blackville, South Carolina.

Zook, Mrs. Katie P., aged 81 years and 7 months of Belleville, Pennsylvania

She died May 13 at her home. She was born in Union Township, Mifflin County October 13, 1887 a daughter of the late Yost M. and Barbara C. Peachey Yoder.

She had diabetes for about 15 years and was bedfast the last two months. The cause of her death was cancer of the liver.

Her husband Isreal B. Zook died May 7, 1950. Three sons preceded her in death, 2 were infants, her son Jacob was killed by a run away horse at the age of 16.

The following children survive: Mrs. Rufus A. (Annie) Peachey, Jonas Y. Zook, Isreal B. Zook Jr. Yost M. Zook, Daniel H. Zook, Mrs. Aaron Z. (Barbara) Peachey, all of R.1, Belleville, Benjamin J. Zook, McVeytown, Pa. One brother, John H. Yoder, Mohnton, Berks county. She has 45 grandchildren, 91 great grandchildren.

She lived with her son Isreal Zook who lives on the home farm with his son Urie Zook which made four generations in one house.

Funeral services were held at the home by Elam Stoltzfus, Groffdale, Pa. Emanuel K. Peachey, hymn read by Crist B. Peachey.

Adams County, Indiana Fire

On Wednesday eve. May 7 a bolt of lightning struck the 36 by 78 ft. barn owned by Atlee M. Schwartz and it burned to the ground with one cow and two calves, a quantity of hay, a buggy, harness, machinery and a lot of small items. The barn was built in 1948 after the old barn had been destroyed by a tornado. The new barn is now enclosed and will soon be completed.

Amish Aid Meeting held in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

The Amish aid meeting was held at the home of John M. Esh Sr., Mt. Pleasant, on May 31 at 12:00 noon. This is better known as fire insurance, but is not actually such. It is a helping-hand in time of need; a systemized way of giving for fire and storm damages. There were 60 some members present representing our forty five districts here in Lanc. Co. also Lebanon, Mifflin, Adams Centre, Juniata and Bradford Counties, Pa. and Dover, Del., Mechanicsville, Maryland and Cattlet, Virginia.

The annual report was given by Levi L. Fisher, treasurer. No vote was taken and nothing of special importance was fully decided.



*Gott.. hat dich verordnet, das du seinen
willen erkennen soltest.. Apost. 22:14*

ORDINATIONS

Buchanan County, Iowa

Joe C. Yoder was ordained to the ministry in North East District, Hazleton, Iowa on May 10.

Geauga County, Ohio

Eli A. Kauffman, age 28, son of the late Andy C. and Nannie Kauffman, was ordained May 3, in Burton district (Jake U. Gingerich's West). His wife is Clara, daughter of Preacher Menno I. Hershbergers. Address: Burton, R.2, Ohio 44021

John M. Miller, son of Melvin A. and Barbara (Shetler) Miller, was ordained May 3, in Jake J. Miller's district. His wife is a daughter of Emanuel J. Fishers. Address: Middlefield, R.2, Ohio 44062

Harvey J. Byler, age 36, son of John (son of Preacher Eli) and Sarah (Byler, deceased) Byler, was ordained May 10, in the Dave Miller, Mahlon Yoder district. His wife is Alma, one of Preacher Eli D. Troyer's triplets. Address: Newcomb Road, Middlefield, R.3, Ohio

Mose J. Miller, age 30, son of John M. and Lizzie Miller, was ordained May 10, in Sam Erb's West district. His wife is a daughter of Bishop William Gingerichs. Address: Middlefield, R.1, Ohio 44062

Dan J.P. Miller, age 44, born March 15, 1925, son of Jerry P. and Mary Miller, was ordained May 3, in East Parkman (Allan Byler's East) district. His wife is Martha, daughter of Andy R. Millers. Address: Madison Road, R.3, Middlefield, Ohio 44062

Adams County, Indiana

Henry K. Hilty, born November 4, 1939, was ordained May 5, in Bishop Sam Hilty's district. His wife is Katie Edna Miller of Kalona, Iowa. In the lot with him was Tobias M. Swartzentruber.

LaGrange County, Indiana

Olen J. Wingard, R.1, Shipshewana, Indiana was ordained in Pete Miller's West district on May 4, 1969. He is the son of the late Jacob and Nora Wingard. His wife Irene is the daughter of Perry and Amanda Lehman. Others in the lot were Lewis Hostetler, Roman Hostetler, John J. Yoder, Wilbur S., Ora S. and Olen S. Miller, Vernon Chupp and Elton E. Bontrager.

Melvin E. Schrock 28, of R.1 LaGrange, Indiana was ordained in (Rosa) Dan Bontrager district on May 4. He is the son of Mrs. Tobe L. Yoder. His wife Edna Ellen is the daughter of Joseph J. and the late Sue Miller. Others in the lot were Jonas Yoder, Elton A. Bontrager, Daniel D. Beechy, Daniel D. Lehman and Wilbur C. Miller.

Harvey J. Lambricht, 47, of R.4, LaGrange, Indiana was ordained in David J. Bontrager district on May 4. He is the son of the late John V. and Ada Lambricht. His wife Nettie is the daughter of Owen D. and Lizzie Hostetler. Others in the lot were Harley T., Leland F., Menno J. and Perry J. Lambricht, Freeman D. Miller, Daniel M. Otto, Junior A. Bontrager and Clarence Schlabach.

Elmer C. Miller 39, of R.1 Legionier, Indiana was ordained in Abe Mast (South Honeyville) district on May 10. He is the son of the late Chris E. and Lizzie Miller. His wife Ada is the daughter of Levi and Mary Mast. Others in the lot were Enos A., Henry D. and Melvin J. Mast, David and Ira D. Frye, Jacob E. Schrock, Harley M. Schlabach, Cletus A. Yoder and Levi U. Miller.

Daniel Lambricht 41, R.1 Wolcottville, Indiana was ordained in Daniel J. Bontrager (Southeast Clearspring) district on May 11. He is the son of the late John U. and Ada Lambricht. His wife is the daughter of the late Sam J. and Fannie Bontrager. Others in the lot were Daniel J. Beechy, Amos W. and Ezra W. Bontrager, Raymond J. Miller, Lester Hochstetler, Perry W. Yoder, Perry A. Mast, Ora N. Miller and Gerald Hochstetler.

John D. Yoder 55, of R.4 LaGrange, Indiana was ordained deacon in Will A. Yoder north district on May 15. He is the son of the late Dan I. and Lizzie Yoder. His wife Susie is the daughter of John E. and the late Katie Miller. Others in the lot were Ora J. Yoder, Elmer T. Yoder, Dan W. Yoder, Daniel Kauffman, Daniel Graber, Elmer C. Miller and Raymond Schlabach.

Elva Frye 43, R.1 Shipshewana, Indiana was ordained in Pete Miller east district on May 11. His wife Elsie is the daughter of _____ Kauffman of Ohio. Others in the lot were Chris J. Bontrager, Will L. Yoder, Amos E. Lehman, Mose R. Miller Harley L. Miller and Joe Detweiler.

Elkhart County, Indiana

Lloyd L. Miller 42, son of Jacob R. and Katie (Miller) Miller, wife is Katie, daughter of Chris J. and Abbie (Lehman) Miller was ordained April 27 by Bishop Enos Troyer in North-east Clinton District.

MARRIAGES

Mt. Elgin, Ontario, Canada

Alvin, son of Elmer and Anna (Mast) Yoder and Elizabeth, dau of William and Mary (Bontrager) Bontrager were married May 1, 1969

Haven, Kansas

Linn H. Bontrager and Laverta S. Yoder married May 1

Glen E. Yoder and Clara May Eash married May 8

New Haven, Indiana

Joe B., son of Henry Graber and Edna, daughter of Rudy Lengacher married May 15

Widower Henry Graber and Margaret Schmucker, married May 29

Middlebury, Indiana

Ray, son of the late Joseph and Mrs. Nora Wingard and Dora, daughter of Jonas and Susie Miller May 15 by Bishop Melvin H. Miller

Adams County, Indiana

Levi A., son of Joseph R. and Anna E. (Hilty) Schwartz of R.1, Monroe, Ind. and Maggie dau of Peter A. and Elizabeth F. (Schwartz, May 8 by Bishop Samuel M. Schwartz.

Truman, son of Truman and Rosina E. (Schwartz) Yoder, R.2 Berne, Ind. and Josephine dau of John S. and Emma S. (Christner) Girod, R.2 Berne, Ind. May 18 by Bishop David N. Wengerd

LaGrange County, Indiana

Willis, son of Henry and Abbie (Miller) Eash R.2 Topeka and Susie, dau of Ben and Mary (Beechy) Kurtz R.1 LaGrange on May 1

Willard, son of Phillip and Wilma (Lambright) Miller, R.1 Topeka and Luella, dau of Mose M. and Anna (Miller) Mast on May 8

Lavern, son of Ezra M. and Sue (Miller) Yoder R.1 Topeka and Mabel, dau of Noah E. and Sarah (Miller) Mullet on May 15

Reuben, son of Reuben D. and Verba (Kauffman) Miller R.1 Shipshewana and Delila daughter of _____ Berne, Indiana on May 8

Melvin J., son of Joe W. and Ella (Bontrager) Yoder R.1 Shipshewana and LeAnna dau of Lester and Ella (Miller) Byler R.1 LaGrange, May 8
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dysentery, some of the neighbors had it just a month ago. If we visit the graveyard we sometimes find row after row of children buried, sometimes a row of one family. Some oldtimers will recall to us to-day they remember of seeing two children in one coffin. Some families lost two children in a few days. More often it was a matter of weeks and months and our death record books as well as family history books tell us that quite often a family had two funerals in a year's time. To-day very comparably few children die compared to the last hundred years time. If this was a curse to our fathers and grandfathers what would we deserve to-day. Are we worthy of it?



Freuet euch des Herrn.. Ps. 33:1

Elkhart County, Indiana

Levi, son of Jonas C. and Rosa (Bontrager) Beachy R.1 Shipshewana and Lorene dau of Henry A. and Mary (Miller) Yoder R.R. Goshen, May 20 by Bishop Henry N. Miller

Joni, son of Manas A. and Elizabeth (Miller) Bontrager R.1 Shipshewana and Freda dau of Harley and Orpha (Lambright) Bontrager R.4 LaGrange on May 22

Ora, son of Albert and Rachel (Yoder) Miller R.1 Middlebury and Mary, dau of the late Jacob E. and Mary (Miller) Miller R.2 Topeka May 22 by Ervin Bontrager

Glen, son of Orla and Edna (Yoder) Troyer R.1 Topeka and Vera, dau of Ervin A. and Lizzie (Plank) Miller on May 22

Aaron King and Susan Schwartz, May 29 by Jonathan King

Geauga County, Ohio

John, son of John M. and Lizzie Miller and Barbara, dau of Mel A. and Barbara Miller, married April 2

Adam, son of Mel R. and Sarah Detweiler and Emma, dau of John H. and Fannie Weaver, married April 17

Jake, son of Andy E. Bylers and Ida, dau of Pre. Homer E. and Nannie Yoder, married April 17

Chester, son of Monroe Y. and Amanda Byler and Edna, dau of Pre. Dan J. and Miriam Miller, married May 1

Ray, son of Olin A. and Clara Yoder and Martha, dau of Dan N. and Nancy Wengerd married May 15

Daniel, son of Pre. Nevin U. and Iva Byler and Barbara, dau of Bish. Dan N. and Sylvia Gingerich, married May 22

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HISTORY OF OUR HEALTH

Wars and rumors of wars, pestilence and famine, all these things must come to pass as we read in Matthew 24. Here in our country we have been spared of much of this. Are we worthy of it?

When David, King of Israel had sinned in causing a "census" or count of the people to be taken, he was given the choice of the three before mentioned. He chose pestilence, because he trusted in the Lord's mercy.

We read in history of an awful pestilence, the bubonic plague which at times swept through Europe. In London, England in 1665 and 1666, "Shops were shut, whole blocks stood empty, and grass grew in the streets. Houses where the sick were were marked with a Red Cross and the words 'Lord have mercy on us.' No coffins were used, deep trenches served for graves. A hundred thousand died in London alone, and large numbers in other places." (from Barnes General History)

This plague appeared in New York in 1899, and in San Francisco in 1900, but it was soon stamped out. Isolation (a strict quarantine) and sanitation are necessary. Rats and fleas carry the germs. Compared with this plague the flu of 1918 and 1919 was mild indeed.

After World War I in 1921 and 1922 Russia's government was unsettled and then a few very dry years caused an awful famine which many people now living can remember. Our country never had anything like it. Are we thankful enough?

SMALLPOX

One can imagine how small pox was feared. Sometimes there were very serious epidemics in which about 50% of the cases were fatal. Many thousands died of it in Europe, and many American Indians died of it. But "universal vaccination has destroyed the terrors of small-pox so that from being one of the most common and deadly of diseases it is now one of the rarest." In 1893 there were several serious cases in Lancaster County. Henry U. Stoltzfus who had recently married took sick with it at his brother-in-law's ("greenhouse" Isaac Stoltzfus near Ronks. Katie Yoder (half sister to Mose) was very sick with it and old Kate King (also near Ronks) nearly ninety had a mild case.

A near neighbor, David Diener declared he wasn't afraid, as he had been twice vaccinated but it didn't "take" and he fell a victim, dying May 23, 1893. His widow, Barbara was not allowed to mix with people at the private funeral. She later married to Levi Smoker. In 1942 there was a "scare" when a number of people at a wedding in Mifflin Co. took it, spreading the danger to Lancaster and Somerset counties. Prompt action by the Boards of Health soon stopped it and there were no severe cases. The statement that "vaccination greatly reduces the power of the germ" was seemingly proved.

T.B. AND TYPHOID

Consumption (Tuberculosis or T.B.) used to be considered almost incurable. Fifty or sixty years ago 1/7 of the deaths were due to it. With the tight and dark stables of that time many dairy cows had it. Now it is comparatively rare. Sunshine and pure air, good food and sufficient rest have done wonderd. Sunshine is nature's germicide. Foul and impure air and darkness is just the opposite.

Typhoid fever also used to be a very serious sickness. Caused by infected food or water whole families were down with it. In 1861 Benjamin King, his wife Lydia and four children died of it in four months time. "Milk and flies are common carriers of it." "Isolation, with good treatment and nursing has reduced mortality to about 10% or less."

The grippe or influenza was unusually severe in 1918-19. Called the Spanish flu it often terminated in pneumonia. It was severe among the armies in France in the late summer of 1918. In the fall and winter of 1918 it was so often fatal that there were not enough undertakers in places to take the usual care of the dead. Undertaker Emil Veit of Lancaster County went to Philadelphia to help, caught the disease and died. There were many deaths in Lancaster city, county and all over the country?

APPENDICITIS AND DYSENTRY

Appendicitis, formerly called inflammation of the bowels formerly caused many deaths in children. In the cemeteries are many little graves. Years ago many children died before they were ten years of age. We believe and trust they are well off, for Jesus said of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Still we feel we ought to and want to take good care of their health and much has been done to save the lives of these little ones. Operations for appendicitis are very often successful if taken in time.

Dysentery, called in German "die Ruhr" took many lives of young children. It was often caused by contaminated food or milk. Since milk is kept cleaner and promptly and sufficiently cooled the danger is much less.

Flies used to be very numerous coming from the horse stables to the farm tables! D.D.T. and other insecticides have greatly reduced their numbers. Do we appreciate what our Doctors and Boards of Health have done?

In our lifetime much has been found out about diseases and how to control them. But we are all sinners and Death is the wages of Sin. We can not get away from it and can be so thankful to the Lord that physical death can be a door to Eternal Life, the Gift of God.

Compiled by Noah Zook and family

THE DOCTOR

The month of May has given us many Blessings. In short this can be verified by glancing over the list of births, also the weather and crop reports and others. On the other hand our general activities were seasoned with chastening and sorrow. Our community was deeply shocked in two instances only days apart. Both were very sudden and unexpected. One occurred on a day when the rest of the neighborhood was enjoying holiday dinner visits and this was in full swing as word spread that a young minister's companion left him without warning. The other one too came on a day when surrounding families were off to spend a good day with their children on picnic grounds. The victim was a younger brother to a first grader who was present at the picnic as the shocking words broke the news. Although dinner was finished one by one left the scene only to abide with the bereaved parents and the picnic was dismissed early.

Yes the Lord was speaking to us, and a loud call indeed to the whole community. But these things can be blessings too, especially to the ones who have been spared as Noah Zook writes. Are we worthy of it?

We often list these things as unusual happenings, but they really are not because they happen everyday in our own country. It has been so ever since the days of Adam and Eve, and in one sense it could be said history is only repeating itself. Lets take another look at our drawing "The Doctor." What can it reveal to us? It is a very ordinary scene of its time. (see date) With the limited number of references we have on hand at this time we shall try to make a brief review of the last hundred years or so.

Note! Very interesting and worthwhile articles could be written, concerning "The Doctor" (drawing). Could any of our readers furnish us with materials of this nature, please send them to the Abner Beiler, book cabinets, Gordonville R.1, Pa. You can be assured utmost care will be given to preserve any such materials.

One thing that makes the scene so typical of its time is as we see it, most deaths occurred right at home and often the Doctor with every member of the family were present at the time the soul departed. The early french settlers in our country built their homes with a small hole or window at a side of the bedroom. This was built so purposely with the idea that should death occur in the family, through this opening the soul could freely go. Though this may sound to us like mere superstition, yet how many houses are built among us to-day with even a thought of making provisions to care for a dying member of the family. Is death so obsolete to us?

Another thing we learn from this drawing as stated above, an afflicted member of the family was nearly always first taken sick (as accidents were comparably few) cared for at home sometimes for week or maybe in some cases for months according to the nature of the sickness.

In those days antibiotics and vaccines were unheard of. Home remedies were taught at home which were handed down from one generation to another, and this together with what the doctor prescribed were practised only in severe cases. The doctor with his limited knowledge on medication often welcomed the home procedures. Sanitation was perhaps the main topic for him to give in many cases. The pow-wow method was accepted and used freely in many cases.

According to our death record books (1870-) it seems to us death won in many cases. But in studying the times and conditions of the numerous sickness and epidemic that prevailed we must also say a very surprising percentage of the cases survived. Maybe the oldtime method of doctoring was accordingly as effective as it is to-day.

Now to summarize our subject we shall again gaze at the drawing and start from the beginning. We assume a member of the family had been exposed to a prevailing disease or maybe just to cold, damp or unpleasant weather, had taken sick and been cared for at home, and as all evidence shows on the worn faces of the parents and the doctor, they had labored for quite a while and lost the battle. The child is believed to be dead, although it cannot yet be fully realized by the family, the hand of death has reached the home. But at any rate they were all at home and present to share with each other the sorrowful experience of departure. Something that in years to come they would not exchange for riches of this world, even if this were possible. How contrasting to circumstances of to-day. An afflicted member of the family to-day would have been rushed to the hospital in an ambulance, if the case was serious (probably the result of an accident) he will be rushed to an operation crew or confined to a room away from home, away from the family and even away from the family doctor. He is now in the hands of complete strangers without any relatives or immediate friends to bear with him the last struggle of life, to draw the last breath, or none at his bedside to bid goodbye as he must now break the barrier into eternity. This is to be a mechanical improvement over oldtime ways but doesn't it offset many social advantages in ways of family departure of the oldtime days?

The doctor is now ready to make the final and official announcement-the child is gone. Soon he will search his own mind for well arranged and meaningful words of comfort for the surviving family. On his way back to the office he will break the news to a few neighbors who will commend the softest and the most soothing words of comfort they can find for they have it in heart already. Some of them may have experienced the same thing a year ago or if this happens to be the time of epidemics of yellow fever, smallpox, diphtheria or

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May, the fifth month of our calender year has thirty one days. Memorial Day is its only legal holiday. To us it marks a double holiday, Whitsuntide besides Ascension Day. The list of definitions for this month is longer than any other: The spring of life, prime, heyday, Hawthorn, blossoms, merrymaker and to sing. It is indeed a month to be appreciated.

May is named after Maia, the Mother of Mercury and was referred to by the Romans as the growing month.

WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS

MAY			+	1969		
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Adams County, Indiana

May was nearly normal with 3.7 inches of rainfall. Two inches of rain fell in three days starting the first week of May which delayed corn planting till after the middle of the month. A severe electrical and wind storm hit the south part of the county on the 31st with heavy rain and damaged buildings.

Most of the crops are planted and hay making is started which seems to be a good crop. Pasture is better than normal.

Geauga County, Ohio

We had a hard frost May 26 and 27 in low places. Farmers are just getting started planting corn due to lots of rain in May and last part of April. Most of the oats were sown late, too, near May 10. There are lots of gardens to be planted yet. Lawns, pastures and hay are growing abundantly. Asparagus, rhubarb, first lettuce and onions are on the menu and taste so good!

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

We had 1.9 inches of rain which is below normal for May. Most of the alfalfa has been cut and put away. It was a fair crop. Strawberries are beginning to ripen. Early peas are ready to eat.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Weather conditions are on the dry side, although hay and corn look very nice. People are starting to make hay with good drying weather.

St. Mary's County, Maryland

The first part of May was rather dry until the 9th we has some short but very hard showers. Then over the 19th and 20th we had almost 4 inches of rain. The temperature was very nice, often more on the cool side, until the last week. On the 29th the mercury reached 100; breaking all previous records for heat in May. This weather continued till the 31st. The nights in southern Maryland, however, most always cool off, making sleeping pleasant. This is due to our living close to the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay.

Farmers are making hay and some have started to cut barley. Corn is up to 16 in. tall. Strawberries and peas are on the menu.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

May came in with fair, warm weather. The second week was cool and cloudy with some scattered showers. The third week was nice and warm. The latter part of the month was warm with high winds from the south, temperature in the high 90s. Total rainfall was 1.7 inches which is below normal.

As you drive along the road you see long straight rows of corn which is up nice. Tobacco planting is well underway and plants are plentiful at present. A lot of nice hay was made in the last week of May with good haying weather. Strawberries are ripe. the crop is average, not too plentiful. Sugar and hull peas are also ready. Large eggs sell for 40 and 41 cents a dozen. Milk \$5.75, 4%, New York Base

We had 2 inches of rain during the month of May in the Bareville area. The latter part of May was windy and the ground is drying out fast. Beef price is around \$.36 a Lb. Fat hogs \$.27 a pound. Large eggs \$.35 a dozen. Ear corn chop \$50.00 a ton. Straw \$31.00 a ton.

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada

On May 18 we had 2½ inches of rain. We're having a wet and late spring. The crops aren't all in yet.

Haven, Kansas

We are having nice spring weather. The wheat fields are looking nice and the alfalfa fields are twelve inches high. The garden things look very good. We had 1½" rain.

New Haven, Indiana

Sunday around 1:00 o'clock we had high winds which took silos, roofs, etc. We had 4½ inches of rain for the month of May.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania reports rather dry weather during May. Crops are good and fruit trees are hanging full. Rainfall during May was 3.23 inches.

HISTORY OF THE PRESENT AMISH CHURCH OF ADAMS COUNTY, INDIANA

Continued from last month

They remained in New York for several days until all immigration requirements could be taken care of. Coming to Adams County the Schwartz's found this a very sparsely inhabited place. The Miami and the Pottawatomie Indians had been removed to Kansas about twenty years previously, but until 1837 they had not relinquished their title to this "Old Hunting Ground" of theirs which they had so dearly loved.

Therefore, white settlers were rather slow and cautious in occupying this newly acquired piece of land. So far as is known, however, Indian hostilities had ceased at the close of the eighteenth century and the white settlers were seldom annoyed from then on with the exception of occasional horse thievery for which a few stray redskins were noted.

Roads throughout the county were very few and those which had been established were in poor condition. It was not until the red man was permanently out of the way that improvements began on roads between Fort Wayne to the north and Winchester to the south, which encouraged or actually stimulated immigration.

There were few towns of any size in the county at the time the Schwartz's made this their home. Decatur, according to reliable sources, had only three log cabins in 1840 and at the close of 1850 had a population of forty-three families and a total of 231 inhabitants and now is a city of 7,271. Monroe was not platted until 1847 while Berne did not appear on the map until 1871 or in other words, nineteen years after the Schwartz's came and is now a city of 2,277 population.

Railways were very few in the county as a whole in 1852 and none was within reach of the pioneer family until nineteen years later in 1871 when the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad was built just a few miles from the Schwartzs home. There was a mail route running from Fort Wayne to Winchester through Adams County with five stops in the County in 1852. They were Monmouth, Decatur, Monroe-Center, Canoper (located in a farm house somewhere southeast of Berne) and Limberlost, located in the vicinity of the present Geneva. It took the carrier five days to cover this route of approximately sixty or seventy miles. In his whole line of travel he would possibly see no more than a half dozen houses, which of course were two-room log cabins at the very best.

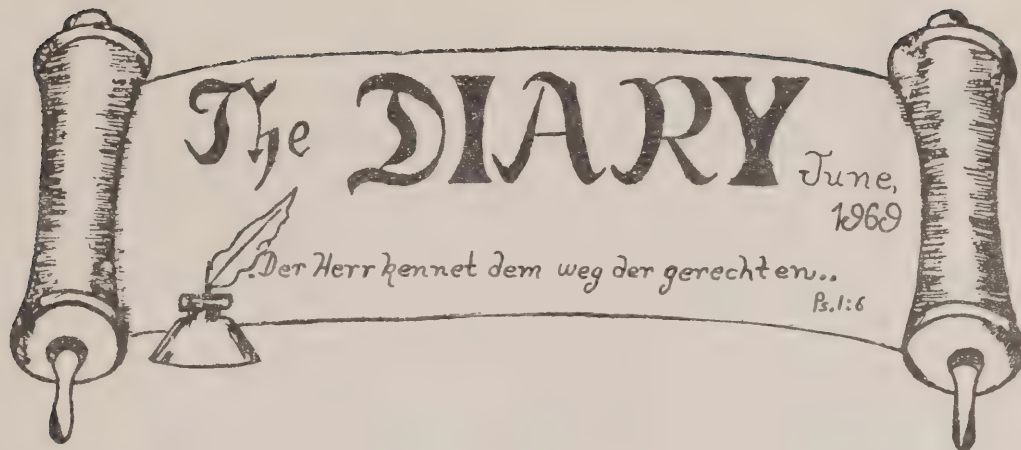
The few clearings of fields, still full of stumps, were small, perhaps five to ten acre clearings at this time. The neighbors would go together and cut trees and have log rollings to roll these together on piles to burn. They had no saw mills, nor market for this lumber, which is now shipped in and hard to get, except what they hewed out to build their log houses and barns. Cutting some in two foot length and split to about one inch or so thickness for the roof or shingles. They split the nicer grained logs into four and five inch rails about ten feet long to build their fences, which was hard work for young and old the year around. The roads were then narrow, winding trails cut through the woods and underbrush and were almost impassable at certain seasons of the year. There were few bridges across the rivers and streams.

Generally speaking, Adams County was in a very wild state when the Schwartz's came here and the site which they selected for their new home after their four thousand mile journey from their dear old home in France was no exception indeed. The site was very level and marshy which took much time and skill to drain this land but was very fertile ground after it was drained.

Johannes and Anna (Ramseier) Schwartz with their three sons namely Peter, Joseph and Jacob and five daughters Anna, Maria, Barbara, Elizabeth and Catherine, settled in Adams County, Indiana while two sons John and Christian settled in Allen County, Indiana.

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LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA MAN INJURED WHEN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

On Monday evening, June 23, Christian K. Blank, 28, of Kinzers R1, Pennsylvania was walking out the lane to go to Byerstown. He saw that a sudden storm was coming so he turned and ran for the house. Several hundred feet from the house he was struck by lightning falling forward on his face. He seemed to be critically injured and was unconscious. An ambulance was called and oxygen administered on the way to Lancaster General Hospital where he was under intensive care for several days.

His face is badly bruised from the fall but he was only slightly burned. Several hooks were knocked off his shoe and holes burned in his stocking. There was no fence or tree close and he was wearing a raincoat and rubbers. A near neighbor, Ammon King, witnessed the accident.

MAN INJURED IN FALL

On June 26, Preacher Abner S. Glick of Christiana R1, Pennsylvania fell 16 feet while working on a barn he was building on a farm occupied by his daughter and son-in-law Bennie Miller. He has a fractured wrist, ribs torn loose and a crushed hip. The doctor said he will have a long stay at the hospital.

TOPEKA, INDIANA MAN DIED AFTER FALL

Crist D. Miller, R2, Topeka, Indiana was helping with carpenter work at his brother Perrys when something caused him to fall about 18 feet. He was rushed to the doctor and on to Fort Wayne Hospital but he died enroute. He had a broken neck and skull fracture.

He was born in Sumner County, Kansas April 23, 1934, died June 21, 1969 at the age of 35 years, 1 month and 29 days. He was the son of Dan A. and Sarah (Troyer) Miller and was married to Ida Mae Miller on March 25, 1954. His five children are Harley, Irene, Daniel, LaVern and Cristie Jr. His brothers and sisters are Barbara, wife of Alvin D. Beechy R4, LaGrange; Susie, wife of Harvey J. Miller R3, Ligonier, Indiana; Amos Jay married to Ida Anna Hochstetler R2, Topeka and Perry, married to Ada Raber of R3, Ligonier.

Funeral services were held at the Amos Jay Miller home on June 24 by Levi Mast and Bishop Joni Miller of the home district and Simon Swartzentruber of Deleware; at the home by Dan J. Lehman and Bishop Daniel Bontrager of neighboring districts and Perry Hostetler of Nappanee, Indiana.

INDIANA HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

On Sunday night June 22 the home of Pete Wagler Jr. of RR2, Loogootee, Indiana was struck by lightning and burned. The family thought it struck the barn and returned to bed after not being able to see any fire. Later the daughter smelled smoke and the upper part of the house was nearly burned off. Very few articles were saved. This is the first history of a house burning from lightning. A new house is being built.

INDIANA MAN HAS LEG AMPUTATED

Levi Wingard of R1, Shipshewana, Indiana has been a hospital patient since May when he had his one leg amputated below the knee, due to sugar Diabetes.

Let us remember our bereaved ones in prayer



"Lasset die Kindlein zu mir kommen."
Matth 10:14



BIRTHS

- Buchanan County, Iowa
Schwarz, Henry M. (Martha Yutzy) Hazleton R1, Iowa a son CLETUS, June 3
- Johnson County, Iowa
Bontrager, Vernon and Alta a son DUANE May 13
- Daviess County, Indiana
Yoder, John (Anna Wagler) RR Odon, Indiana a daughter MARY CATHERINE, May 31
Wagler, John (Betty Graber) RR, Montgomery, Indiana a son _____ June 7
Wagler, Alvin (Mary Wittmer) RR2, Loogootee, Indiana a daughter _____ June 13
- Adams County, Indiana
Christner, Ervin (Elizabeth M. Girod) R1, Monroe, Indiana a STILLBORN SON, June 3
Girod, Samuel (Rosa Schwartz) R1, Berne, Indiana a son JAVON, June 3
Wengerd, Eli (Susie Troyer) R1, Berne, Indiana a son _____, June 11
Wickey, Aaron (Malinda Schwartz) R1, Monroe, Indiana a _____ June 29
- Elkhart County, Indiana
Miller, Alvin E. (Mary Yoder) R1, Goshen, Indiana a daughter _____ June 9
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Bontrager, Daniel S (Lizzie A. Otto) R4, LaGrange, Indiana a son MILTON D. June 20
Bontrager, Ora (Susan Hochstetler) RR, LaGrange, Indiana a dau RITA ANN, June 12
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Mast, John J. (Mary Miller) In service at Kneipp Springs, Rome City, a son ANDREW LAVERN June 14
Miller, Elvon Lee (Lou Ida Miller) R1, LaGrange, a son LAVON LYNN, June 11
Miller, Harley E. (Wilma Bontrager) R1, Shipshewana, a son MARVIN, June 12
Miller, Jacob (Edna Yoder) R1, Topeka, Indiana A daughter RUBY ARLENE, June 7
Miller, Jonas E. (Ida Frye) In service, Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne a daughter _____
Miller, Nelson (Ada Yoder) R1, LaGrange, Indiana a son NELSON LEROY, June 4
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Stoltzfus, Stephen S. (Sadie Kurtz) Mechanicsville, a daughter FRANNIE, June 3
- Juniata County, Pennsylvania
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Wengerd, Alvin (Lydia Peachy) a daughter SADIE, June 19
- Mifflin County, Pennsylvania
Byler, Norman (Salinda Zook) Belleville, Pa. a daughter SADIE, June 13
Kanagy, Kore (Sarah M. Swarey) Belleville, Pa. a son SAMUEL, June 18
Peachey, Preacher Crist B. (Rebecca Wengerd) Belleville, a dau NANCY, June 12
Swarey, Crist (Rachel E. Peachey) Belleville, Pa. a daughter REBECCA, June 11
Wengerd, Eli M. (Mary E. Zook) Belleville, Pa. a daughter LENA, June 10
- Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
Ebersol, Alvin (Priscilla Fisher) R1, Leola, Pa. a son HARVEY, June 24
Esch, Jacob S. (Arie Blank) R1, New Providence a dau MALINDA, June 9
Esh, Aaron K. (Sylvia K. Lapp) R3, Quarryville, a daughter MARY, June 10
Esh, David B. (Mary F. Stoltzfus) Talmage, a son STEVEN S., June 18

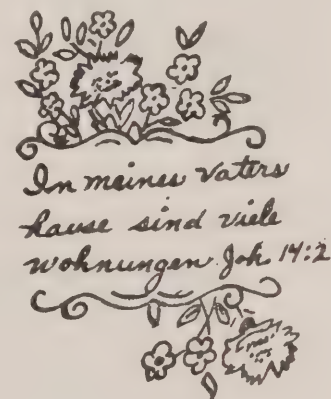
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 Glick, Elam S. (Emma Lapp) 1760 Rockvale Rd. Lancaster, a dau RACHEL, June 25
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 Stoltzfus, John Omar, (Naomi King) R1, Honey Brook, a son NATHAN JAY, June 26
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 Stoltzfus, Samuel S. (Annie Stoltzfus) R1, Christiana, a daughter _____ June 18

OBITUARIES

Bontrager, Amanda, aged 87 years, 9 months and 25 days
 Amanda, widow of Eli Bontrager of R2, Shipshewana, Indiana was born August 19, 1882, died June 13, 1969. She was a life time resident of near Shipshewana. She was the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Miller and was married December 5, 1920 to Bishop Eli J. Bontrager who died February 15, 1958.

Her three step sons and two step daughters are John Bontrager of Belleville, Pa., Manas E. of Calico Rock, Ark. and Levi E. of Middlebury, Indiana; Mrs. Jacob Stoltzfus of Fairview, Michigan and Mrs. Levi Stutzman of Sarasota, Florida. There are 26 grandchildren and some great grandchildren. Her four sisters and three brothers are Mrs. Amelia Stutzman of Shipshewana, Indiana, Lizzie Miller of Three Rivers, Michigan, Mrs. Mary Gasho and Mrs. Delila Hershberger both of Fairview, Michigan, Dewey Miller of Goshen, Indiana, Chris Miller of Sarasota, Florida and Jacob Miller of Fairview, Michigan.



Fisher Infant

Reuben E. Fisher, infant son of Reuben E. and Rachel A. Stoltzfus Fisher, of Gordonville, Pennsylvania died June 25 at the Lancaster General Hospital.

He is survived by a sister Ruth E. at home; the maternal grandparents, Eli and Katie Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R2, and the paternal grandparents, Christian and Esther Fisher of Ronks R1.

Brief services were held at 6 p.m. June 25 by Jonas Esh and John Smoker, burial in Gordonville Cemetery.

Knepp, Samuel, aged 72 of Montgomery, Indiana

He died at his residence after a lingering illness. He was born in Daviess County December 11, 1896, a son of Abraham and Annie (Brandenberger) Knepp. His wife, the former Rosanna Yoder, whom he married in January of 1918, survives.

His seven daughter and four sons are Mrs. Elmer (Mary) Stoll, Mrs. John Henry (Susie) Wagler, Mrs. Joe (Alma) Stoll, all of Montgomery; Mrs. Alvin (Amanda) Yoder, Cannelburg; Mrs. Menno (Fannie) Raber and Mrs. Amos (Naomi) Graber, both of Loogootee; Samuel Knepp Jr. Montgomery; Noah Knepp, Loogootee and Wilmer Knepp, Washington. He also leaves 80 grandchildren; two brothers, Martin and Fred Knepp, both of Montgomery; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Wagler, Montgomery and Mrs. Lizzie Swartzentruber and Mrs. William (Leah) Graber, both of Loogootee. Two daughters are deceased.

Funeral services were held by Alva Raber and Amos Graber; burial in Stoll Cemetery.

Lantz Infant

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lantz, Rebersburg, Pennsylvania died 10 hours after his birth at Bellefonte Hospital on June 20.

Surviving are 1 sister and 2 brothers, Sadie, Abner and Elmer. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kauffman and Mr. and Mrs. John Lantz all of Lebanon County, Pa.

Burial was in the new cemetery started on the land of Bishop Jacob Stoltzfus.

Mast Infant

Andrew LaVern was born June 14, died June 18 at the age of 4 days. He was the son

of John J. and Mary (Miller) Mast of Rome City, Indiana. His grandparents are Eli A.D. Millers of R2 Wolcottville, Indiana and Joe D. Masts of Curtis, Wisconsin.

Johnson County, Iowa

Barbara (Brenneman) wife of Preacher Chris B. Miller died May 3', age 80 years. Cancer was the cause of her death.

Miller, Daniel A., aged 25 years, 10 months and 4 days of Shipshewana R1, Indiana

The son of Amos J. and Elmina (Christner) Miller he was born August 11, 1943 and died June 15, 1969. His two sisters are Mary, wife of Andy Troyer of R2, Topeka and Katie, wife of Marvin Miller at the home place R2, Shipshewana, Indiana. His death was caused by a car accident. He was killed instantly.

William Miller, aged 69 years (Holmes County, Ohio)

His funeral was on Tuesday, June 24. He was a son of the late "Peru" Dan.



MARRIAGES

LaGrange County, Indiana

Chupp, Melvin, son of Rudy and Fannie (Miller) R3, Nappanee and Loretta, daughter of Nathaniel N. and Mary (Miller) Miller June 5, 1969

Burkholder, Owen, son of Mrs. Fannie Burkholder of Nappanee and Susie, daughter of Jacob and Ella (Bontrager) Yoder R.1 Shipshewana - June 19 1969

Troyer, Levi C., son of Crist and Susie (Yoder) Troyer R1, Topeka and Viola, daughter of Enos and Katie (Wingard) Miller, R1, Middlebury - June 19, 1969

Elkhart County, Indiana

Chupp, Ervin of R1, Goshen and Sarah Ellen, daughter of Joe A. and Ida (Miller) Bontrager R1, Goshen - June 12, 1969

School Director's Meeting

The thirteenth Annual School Director's Meeting was held at Tobias Petersheim, R2 Mifflintown, Pa. in Juniata County on June 6, 1969 at 12:30 standard time.

The meeting was opened by Bishop Daniel E. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1, Pa., then proceeded by reading and reviewing the 1968 minutes.

Penmanship was urged in our parochial schools, bringing back an art which some of our grandparents had but in the last years was being lost. It was explained that sending our school children to outside neighbors and through towns to sell books etc. for the Amish schools is not very fitting.

It was approved to raise the teacher's pay by \$1.00 per day in all brackets making top pay \$10.00 including lodging and transportation. This is considered a maximum but each board should be the judge as what to pay.

As John F. Beiler's term as treasurer of the Old Order Book Society was at an end, it was voted by directors and ministers to have John Beiler and Christ L. Kauffman as candidates. The majority vote was for Christ L. Kauffman R1, Paradise, Pa. for next six year term.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Bishop Jacob Stoltzfus, Millheim, Pennsylvania.

Indiana Annual School Meeting

The Indiana Annau School Meeting was held at Eli Gingerich's place on the last Friday of June, the 27th. The meeting was conducted by the chairman of the committee. Opened by Bishop Joseph Schwartz of Allen County, Indiana with a silent prayer. It was stated that we try and work out something that our followers have something to take on. Oh! when I think of it what little have I done to this when we think of our ancestors what they did for us; where would we be today if they would not have stood their ground at times even until death. Oh! can we be thankful enough for this and not just this but for everything and for all the blessings we receive from day to day. It was brought out that we should follow the arguments we have with our officials and also the main topic was the achievement tests for our schools. Mr. Joe Wittmer from Florida was there to explain how he thinks we can benefit by taking them. They give us an idea which scholar is not doing right on certain subjects and also give an idea where we stand with the public schools. Mr. William Osmon from Terre Haute, Ind. also was there and he explained a little on the scoring of the tests and also put the child's score on record so that if some day the public would not be so sympathetic with us this might help the cause. Just a word about how kind the state officials are with us. They even paid transportation from Florida and back. It also was stated by Bishop Henry Miller that each member pay his duty to the state fund by June and the state should distribute the funds to the schools by October each year. It also was agreed that we should pay the achievement tests out of the state fund. We took concil of the people and everybody seemed to be satisfied. We

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June is named for Junius, a Roman family. It is the halfway mark of the year being the sixth month. It had 30 days without any official or Christian holidays although the 14th, Flag Day is celebrated by some. To the farmers it is known as an excellent time to do field work. It is a pleasant time to work while the days are long, yet not overly warm and the flies are not so bothersome for a man with his team. It is also a prime growing season. The longest days of the year occur in this month.

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

JUNE			✧	1969		
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	•	•	•	•	•

Buchanan County, Iowa

There was some late planting of corn in June, also much bean planting to be done yet on account of much rain. It is too late for some ground to be planted at all. It has been a very wet and cool spring with many cloudy days.

Johnson County, Iowa

We had around 10 inches of rain in June and only several days of real warm weather. It has been unusually cool for June. Hay and oats are growing rank. Corn needs dryer weather to get it cultivated.

Daviess County, Indiana

It has been unseasonably warm in June with temperature reaching the high Ninties. Threshing is beginning and wheat is reported to be light. Corn is growing exceptionally well. Hay is rather scarce.

Adams County, Indiana

June came in cool and wet but warmed up by the third. On the 12th we had 2 inches of rain and by the 15th another 1.8 inches with hot and humid weather till the 16th it was down to 42 which is 3 degrees above the all time record for this date. Then it warmed up with another 1.8 inches of rain by the 20th making 5.6 inches of rainfall for June.

Crops look good and hay is a heavy crop but haymaking is progressing very slowly with so much rain. Weeds are growing rapidly and a few farmers are still sowing beans and planting corn for silage.

Holmes County, Ohio

The weather is nice with temperature up to 95 and more. We had lots of rain and everything looks nice and green. All our crops look good and we have plenty of strawberries and cherries.

St. Mary's County, Maryland

Our weather for June was for the most part real warm with little rain. The total rainfall was some over an inch, and most of that came down hard on Sunday the 15th. Right now, at the end of the month, we have real dry, but it is good weather for thrashing, except it is plenty warm for the men and horses.

On June 24th a busload of women, children and a few men and boys went to Adams County, Pennsylvania (Gettysburg area) for sweet cherries. The orchards are very scarce in this part of the country, and the fruit growers there have trouble finding enough reliable help, so they welcome people to come and pick their own.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Weather varied some as in some places real washouts were experienced while in other parts we were having only usual mild rains. With warm nights corn and oats on an average look very good. Hay making is about finished.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Crop reports are favorable as rainfall for the month was normal. For the year so far it was 6.58 inches below normal. Wheat was ripe by July 1st which is one week earlier than a year ago. All fruits are very plentiful.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

We had 3 inches of rain during June. Hay is being put away, barley is cut and on shock. Farmers are beginning to cut wheat. Cherries were a good crop, selling at 25 to 30 cents a quart.

The latter part of June had very warm days, 90 to 100 degrees, cooling off at night.

Centre County, Pennsylvania

We are having nice growing weather with quite a few showers and a little on the cool side most of the month. For about a week it was very warm. Garden things look nice and string beans and cabbage are the main things on the menu just now.

Hay making is about done and barley will be next.

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada

We are cultivating corn and putting up hay. The strawberry season is almost over. We have a few scattered showers

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

June weather was a little extraordinary. We had high winds in the beginning of the month with some rain storms. It changed to cooler weather with frequent thunder showers.

On June 14th we had rain storms with as much as 7 inches of rain in some areas, causing washouts in fields 6 feet deep and 10 feet wide. Warm and sultry weather followed that week with occasional showers. Latter part of month was very warm with temperatures up to 109 degrees. Total rainfall in this area was 6.5 inches.

Tobacco, all planted a little earlier than usual, is growing nicely. Quite a lot of poor quality hay was made during June due to wet weather. Second cutting of alfalfa, ready to cut, looks good. Barley, ready to harvest, is lodged badly. Wheat, ready to cut, is standing fairly good with a few fields down a little. Corn, being cultivated for the last time, has some weeds where it wasn't sprayed. Garden vegetables are plentiful. Cherry picking is in full swing, are plentiful and have good flavor. Dairy cows are getting higher priced selling at \$500 to \$650 for good grade cows. A few pure breeds are selling higher.

Bareville area had 6.4 inches of rain in June. Fat steer price: \$35.00 cwt.; Fat hog price: \$28.00 cwt.; Egg price 40¢ a doz for large; Straw: \$22.00 a ton; Fowl price: 11¢ a lb. for light and 20¢ a lb. for heavy; Wheat: \$1.25 a bu on the farm; Ear Corn Crop: \$48.00 a ton; Oats: \$.72 a bu.; Barley: \$.82 a bu.; Hay: alfalfa \$30.00 a ton and timothy \$20.00 a ton.

On June 14th the area around Ronks experienced a very heavy rainfall accompanied by heavy thunder all afternoon from 1 o'clock till 5. The storm seemingly came in from all sides. One storm had not abated until the next on started. The village of Ronks and its immediate vicinity had between 5 and 6 inches of rain, while the section around Bachmantown road, south of Ronks, reported between 7 and 8 inches.

After the storm traffic was slowed down for several hours on Ronks Road, Cherry Lane, Bachmantown Road and also in Route 30 from Ronks Road to Gehmen's Diner. None of the roads were impassable. Some drivers were daring enough to go through the water right away; others watched and waited and finally also went through.

Flory's Camping Ground was under water for a time, but there was no serious damage. Children were swimming right outside of their trailer homes. Many of the older residents said they had never seen so much water in this area. Those who lived along brooks and creeks fared much the same way or even worse because of high water and washed out fences. Posts and tree trunks were washed along in the current. Several farmers reported having to fix fences before they could put their cattle out Sunday morning, as the waters had not receded enough to do it the evening before. Lynnwood Road was under water from the corner of Christ Beiler's meadow to the north side of Phares Beiler's lane. To top things off nearly an inch of rain fell on Sunday the 15th. But how wonderfully God took care of everyone as there were no casualties. "What is man that thou art mindful of him." Ps. 8:4

AMISH SCHOOL ISSUE IN WISCONSIN COURT

Legal action involving three Amish farmers charged with failure to send their 15-year-old children to New Glarus High School is in progress in Green County, Wisconsin.

After hearing first testimony in the case, Judge Roger L. Elmer adjourned the trial until May to permit both sides to file briefs and prepare arguments.

Appearing in behalf of the Amish were Attorney William B. Ball of Harrisburg, Pa. and John A. Hostetler of Temple University. Prof. Hostetler said that forcing the Amish children to attend public schools would result in destruction of the Amish community.

The New Glarus Amish settlement was founded five years ago when 24 Amish families moved there from Iowa where they had also clashed with school authorities.

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voted on a secretary for the state committee and it fell on Jeromi Raber from Daviess County, Indiana. He took John Bontrager's place from LaGrange as John has almost more than he can do for the time being by taking care of his sick wife. We also voted where the next meeting will be and fell that it will be in Kokomo, Indiana next year on the last Friday of June.

Andy Kinsinger from Pennsylvania explained how the teachers are exempt from Social Security Tax. Elam Beiler, Benuel Stoltzfus and Christ Kauffman all made lots of nice statements of encouragement which we are always glad for

Just a Reminder!

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THE DOCTOR

Continued from last month

A Review of our Death Record Books

Noah Zook presented to us a fine accord of the six most prevalent sicknesses from 1870-1920. Prior to that time seems to be about blank in the minds of people of today. Although with a little research much could be uncovered to our advantage. Here is an open field for anyone having records on hand and again we invite anyone interested and willing to enter this field, kindly write to us about it.

Around 1785 a plague was imported from the old countries. It invaded Philadelphia so intensely that it was considered by some writers a curse resulting in the low moral standards of the common people of the city, likely following the Revolutionary War. Most history observers will conclude that this is a common thing after each war. First a low standard of life resulting from the war followed by a plague. I have never heard an official name of this plague of 1785 but it was often referred to as "Black Tongue." It was a cruel killer and the fatality rate was high. It started with swelling at the root of the tongue, causing congestion in the throat. Often times it would slowly choke the victim. One Christian writer compares it with the destruction of Jerusalem. There are no fatalities listed in Lancaster County of this disease. We know that other epidemics likewise followed the war of 1812 and the Civil War that very likely affected the early Amish colonies here. But due to lack of information on hand we are not able to quote them.

According to our list Typhoid Fever held the scene longer than any of the rest. It ran a course around 1900 and again in 1920 with the last ones on our list in 1936. To name a few, Bishop Joel King died of this in 1901 and in 1920 John K. Blank and his wife Lizzie (Fisher) both died of this disease eight days apart.

Consumption (Tuberculosis) also held on long and claimed many lives. The John and Susan (Stoltzfus) Lapp family is an example. Born to them were twelve children, seven boys and five girls. Only one boy and four girls grew up. Two of their children died under one year of age; two of them died at one year, one died a two year old, one a three year old and one a four year old. At one time they had three children and later they had none. It is easy to believe the family suffered severe distress at times. Tradition tells us they even moved off the farm which they owned and employed a neighboring farm (on which a direct descendant now lives, Deacon Christ L. Lapp of Irishtown) probably with the idea to get rid of the disease. This was from 1950-1868. The five children to grow up all raised a family. Christian, the only son was ordained deacon.

Besides the sicknesses now listed there were a number of others. Trench Mouth was common in the 1890 era. Appendicitis was not diagnosed in early years, however it did prevail and claimed some lives. Later on pneumonia entered the scene and took its toll. From 1929 to 1940 we count about 30 cases that were fatal. Lets remember until 1930 there were only eleven church districts here.

As the table of time shifted the old diseases were nearly wiped out but new ones set in. As we know of course the auto is the greatest killer today. Besides that heart disease, cancer and many others our fathers never heard of. Before the Civil War operations were very rare in the country. One of the first on record among our people was on Barbara, wife of Simeon Zook of Talmage. Doctor John Atlee of Lancaster performed this tumor operation at the patient's home some time between 1880 and 1885. About a dozen other doctors (speculators) were present. Doctor Atlee suggested they should kneel to pray before they start. The wound healed and she lived until 1917. Doctor Atlee was the grandfather of Doctor John Atlee, Senior of Lancaster.

Gott aber sey dank der uns den sieg gegeben hat durch unsern Herren Jesu Christum.

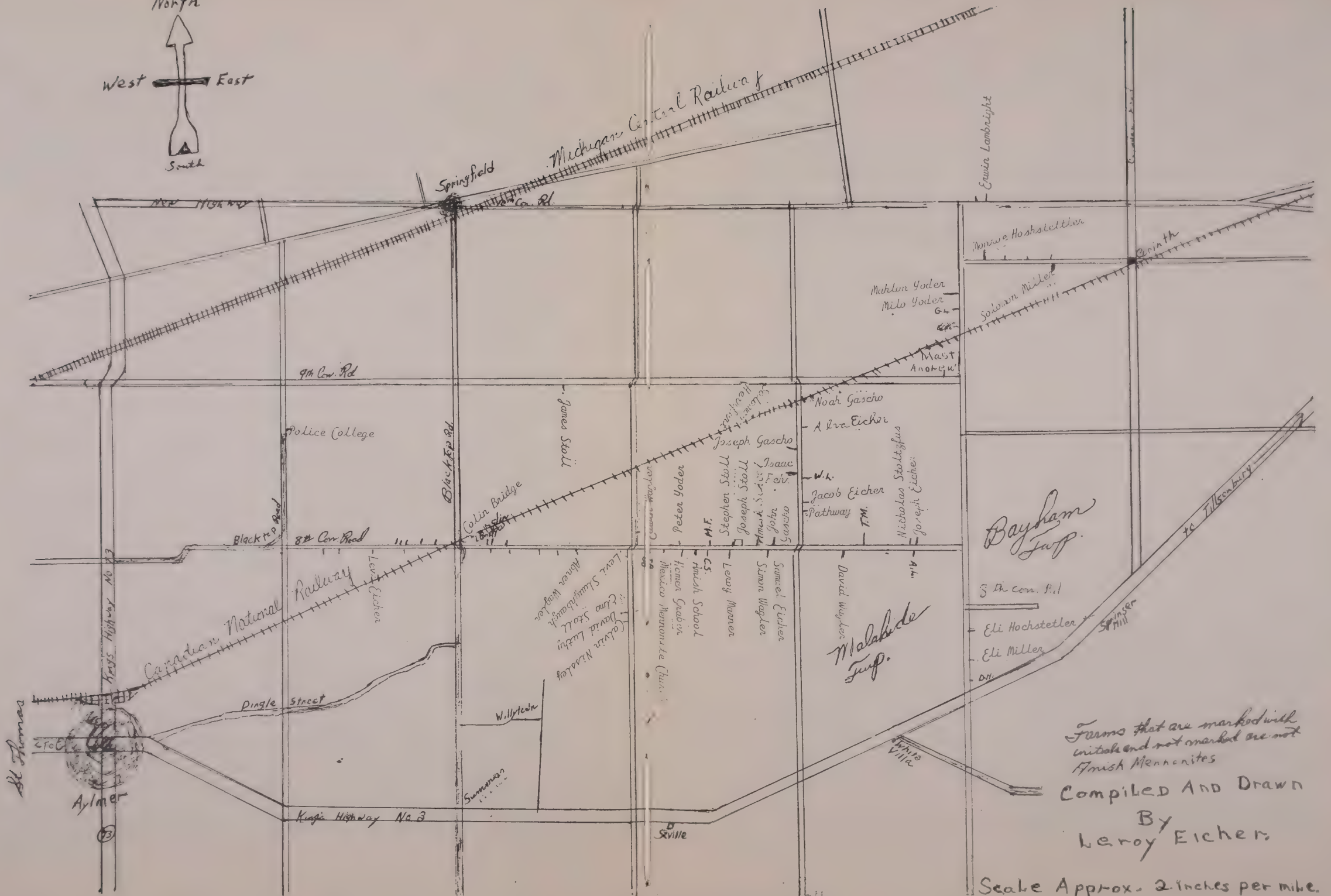
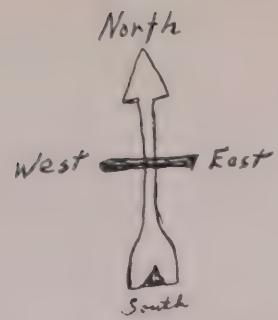
COMMON ACCIDENTS OVER THE YEARS

In the last paragraph of the article by Noah Zook (May issue, page 9) we read that much has been found out about diseases and how to control them in our lifetime. The research in this field has been extensive and the results very effective. But not much success had been gained in ways to combat accidents. Today pace of transport in our crowded eastern areas as well as our mechanized mode of doing things even on the farm, is perhaps responsible for the numerous fatal accidents of today. So numerous are these that it isn't always a headline in the daily paper when a life is lost through an automobile accident.

When our forefathers settled this country it was all different. How quiet and peaceful it must have been to body and soul. Until 1800 the mode of travel among our fathers was much the same as it was in biblical days. Bishop David Beiler writes in Eine Vermahnung Oder Andenken that he can remember of this time and adds, "Von leichten spazierfahrzeugen wusste man nichts in unsern gemein." Could our fathers afford these pleasure buggies, they still would not accept them in these early times they were considered luxurious, and they belong to the world. On the same page of this book we read of the radical changes of farm machines just as well. Now our list of accidents increase very acutely while these two factors advance.

Perhaps one of the earliest fatal accidents we have on record of our people in this section (Ref. Fisher Book). Christian Fisher was killed while riding a horse through the woods. Tradition claims he was carrying a saw on his shoulder and while riding the saw handle caught on a tree branch, thus the saw pierced his neck giving a fatal wound.

to be continued



Lake Erie several miles south (app. 8-10 miles from Amish District)

Scale Approx. 2 inches per mile.

Names and Addresses of Families at Aylmer, Ontario, Canada

Eicher, Alva - Rosanne Wagler, Aylmer R4	Mast, Andrew - Malinda Miller, Aylmer R4
Eicher, Jacob(Minister) - Lydia Miller, Aylmer R4	Nissley, Calvin - Lena Miller, Aylmer R4
Eicher, Joseph - Millie Stoltzfus, Aylmer R4	Miller, Eli C. - Ella Miller, Aylmer R1
Eicher, Levi - Leona Graber, Aylmer R4	Miller, Solomon - Sarah Miller, Corinth R1
Eicher, Samuel - Ruth Stoll, Aylmer R4	Slabaugh, Levi - Elizabeth Lambright
Fehr, Isaac ----- Aylmer R4	Stoll, Elmo, Aylmer R4
Gascho, John - Martha Stoll, Aylmer R4	Stoll, James - Emma Slaubaugh, Aylmer R4
Gascho, Joseph - Rosemary Wagler, Aylmer R4	Stoll, Joseph - Laura Gascho, Aylmer R4
Gascho, Noah - Nancy Lichti, Aylmer R4	Stoll, Stephen - Katie Gascho, Aylmer R4
Graber, Homer - Rachel Wagler, Aylmer R4	Stoltzfus, Nicholas(Minister)
Herrfort, Solomon - Ester Gascho, Aylmer R4	Lucilla Lambright, Aylmer R4
Hochstetler, Eli - Amanda Miller, Aylmer R4	Wagler, Abner - Katie Graber, Aylmer R4
Hochstetler, Monroe - Mary Slabaugh, Corinth R4	Wagler, David - Ida Mae Yoder, Aylmer R4
Lambright, Ervin ----- Brownsville R1	Wagler, Edwin - Catherine Wagler, Aylmer R4
Luthy, David ----- Aylmer R4	Wagler, Simon - Susie Eicher, Aylmer R4
Marner, Leroy - Ruth Hochoday, Aylmer R4	Yoder, Mahlon - Lizzie Yoder, Corinth R1
	Yoder, Milo - Rebecca Stoltzfus, Corinth R1
	Yoder, Peter(Bishop) - Martha Wagler, Aylmer R4

The History of the Amish Settlement at Aylmer, Ontario

From its founding in 1953 till 1969

Written by the pupils of Amish Mennonite Christian Day School, Aylmer, Ontario

March-April, 1959, recopied December 1963 (copied from notebook March, 1969)

Fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh graders:

Age 13, grade 7: David Marner, Simon Wagler, Mary Stoll, Madalena Wagler, Betty Yoder(grade 5)

Age 12, grade 6: Susie Eicher, Mary Catherine Marner, Abner Stoll

Age 11, grade 6: Peter Wagler, Alvin Graber, Joseph Wagler, Mary Yoder(grade 4)

Age 10, grade 5: Omar Eicher, Sylvia Marner

Age 9, grade 4: Sarah Stoll, Sarah Wagler, Sare Mae Graber, Leroy Eicher

Teacher: Joseph Stoll, age 23

Why the Settlers Came to Canada

In the fall of 1952 the United States Government announced that it was building the world's greatest and largest Atomic Energy Plant up to that time on the hill of Pike County, Ohio. In this same county a small group of Amish had been living since 1949. Since the building of the Atomic plant would bring an end to the peacefulness of the community, and would make it a prime target in case of war, the Amish families decided it would be best to move elsewhere. Several families from Daviess County, Indiana and one from Michigan were at once interested in moving with the Pike County families to some new location. Canada, because of the existing draft laws and favourable school laws, offered many advantages. The region around Aylmer, Ontario was investigated, farms were bought and moving began:

The Peter Yoder Family

Arrived March 5, 1953 from Daviess Co. Ind. Moved to a 50 A. farm located at Lot 27, north side of 8th Conc. road, Malahide Twp.

Bishop Peter Yoder, born Dec. 3, 1904, son of Jacob and Mary (Stoll) Yoder

Martha Yoder, born Aug. 3, 1905, daughter of Joseph K. and Sarah (Lengacher) Wagler

Note: Two of the Fehr children made their home at Peter Yoders since Sept. 1955.

Elizabeth (Fehr) born Dec. 9, 1949; Mary (Fehr) born Oct. 13, 1947

The Homer Graber Family

Arrived March 5, 1953 from Daviess Co. Ind. Moved to 130 A. farm Lot 27 south side of 8th Conc. road, Malahide Twp.

Homer Graber, born Sept. 1, 1920 son of Jackson and Fannie (Wagler) Graber

Rachel Graber, born March 14, 1924 daughter of Joseph K. and Sarah (Lengacher) Wagler

Children: Leona born April 18, 1943, married Levi Eicher; Leroy born April 18, 1945, died Feb. 5, 1948; Alvin born August 8, 1947; Sara Mae born Dec. 13, 1949; Esther born Sept. 30, 1952

Born in Canada: Miriam born May 29, 1955; Reuben born July 17, 1958; Philip born

Nov. 1, 1960; Orpah born Jan. 27, 1963; Fannie born July 1, 1966; Joseph born Feb. 7, 1969

The Leroy Marner Family

Arrived March 6, 1953 from Jerome, Mich. Moved to 87 A. farm, Lot 29 south side of 8th Conc. road, Malahide Twp.

Simon Leroy Marner born March 19, 1923, son of Jacob and Mary(Hostetler) Marner

Ruth Marner born Dec. 11, 1925, daughter of Sydney and Amanda (Dawson) Hochaday

Foster parents: David and Hannah Graber. Ruth's foster mother, Hannah Graber born Sept. 22, 1899 daughter of John and Hannah (Graber) Graber

Children: David Edwin born May 10, 1945; Mary Catherine born Jan. 22, 1947; Sylvia Mae born July 21, 1948; Wilma Viola born Aug. 2, 1950; Hannah Darlene born Oct. 18, 1951; Raymond Jacob born Nov. 1, 1952

Born in Canada: Paul Robert born May 2, 1954; Barbara Ann born March 3, 1956; Harvey Matthew born Nov. 22, 1957; Simon Eugene born Nov. 24, 1958; Dale Edward born May 10, 1960; Abraham William born Aug. 14, 1961; Norman Amos born Nov. 5, 1962; Albert Leroy born Nov. 28, 1963; Perry Ivan born July 14, 1965; Fred Allen born Sept. 26, 1966; Adan Eli born May 17, 1968

The Peter Stoll Family

Arrived March 19, 1953 from Pike Co. Ohio. Moved to 110 A farm, Lot 25, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of 8th Conc. road, on Walker side road, Malahide Twp.

Peter Stoll born Jan. 10, 1912, son of Victor and Emma (Graver) Stoll

Anna Stoll born Jan 28, 1912, daughter of Joseph K. and Sarah (Lengacher) Wagler

Children: Martha born Oct. 24, 1934, married John Gascho; Joseph born Dec. 1, 1935, married Laura Gascho; Stephen born Aug. 16, 1937, married Katie Gascho; James born Aug. 31, 1938, married Emma Slabaugh; Alva born Sept. 4, 1940, married Bertha Kauffman; Ruth born April 8, 1942; married Samuel Eicher; Elmo born March 5, 1944; Mary born Oct. 3, 1945; Abner born March 6, 1947; Sarah born Sept. 21, 1949; Mark born April 20, 1952. One Fehr child has made his home at Peter Stoll's since Sept. 1955: David (Fehr) born Oct. 11, 1953.

The David Wagler Family

Arrived April 1, 1953 from Pike County, Ohio. Moved to 110 A. farm, Lots 31, 32, 33 on the south side of 8th Conc. road, Malahide Twp.

David Wagler born Dec. 10, 1921 son of Joseph K. and Sarah (Lengacher) Wagler

Ida Mae Wagler born July 8, 1923, daughter of John L. and Magdalena (Wagler) Yoder

Children: Rosemary born March 6, 1943, married Joseph Gascho; Magdalena born Jan. 8, 1946; Joseph born Jan. 30, 1948; Naomi born May 26, 1950; Jesse born April 13, 1952

Born in Canada: Rachel born Dec. 25, 1953; Stephen born Oct. 26, 1956; Titus born Oct. 29, 1958; Ira born Aug. 24, 1961; Rhoda born July 28, 1964; Nathan born Dec. 16, 1966

The John Eicher Family

Arrived April 15, 1953 from Stark Co. Ohio. Moved to the farm on 8th Conc. north side of road, Malahide Twp.

John Eicher born Aug. 22, 1921 son of Samuel and Magdalena (Raber) Eicher

Alma Eicher born Aug. 11, 1928 daughter of Mose and Anna (Stutzman) Slabaugh

Children: Rosann born Sept. 3, 1950; Elvin born Dec. 11, 1951

Born in Canada: Marvin born May 14, 1954; Sarah Ellen born Nov. 10, 1955

Born after leaving Canada: Magdalena born July 28, 1957; Mary Sue born Aug. 26, 1959;

Ruby Carol born June 26, 1961; Naomi born Dec. 19, 1962

Moved to Stark county, Ohio in February, 1957

The Nicholas Stoltzfus Family

Arrived May 16, 1953 from Pike Co. Ohio. Moved into part of Peter Stoll's house.

Moved to their 75 A farm, Oct. 31, 1953, located in Lots 32, 33, north side of 8th Conc. road, Malahide Twp.

Nicholas Stoltzfus born Aug. 16, 1911 son of Menno and Annie (Miller) Stoltzfus

Lucilla Stoltzfus born March 6, 1912 daughter of Valentine and Lydiann (Miller)

Lambright

Children: Millie born Aug. 22, 1936, married Joseph Eicher; Jacob (Fehr) born July 25, 1944, stayed awhile at Nicholas Stoltzfus home

The Noah Gascho Family

Arrived Feb. 26, 1954 from Wellesley Twp. Ont. Moved to 106 A. farm located in Lots 29, 30, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of 8th Conc. road on West side of road, Malahide Twp. Spring of 1966 moved to 3 A. lot, $\frac{1}{8}$ mile south of 9 Conc. road on east side of the road, lot 31.

Noah Gascho born May 16, 1909 son of David and Barbara (Swartzentruber) Gascho

Nancy Gascho born April 6, 1908 daughter of Jacob and Katie (Leis) Lichti

Children: Esther born June 26, 1932, married Solomon Herrfort; Laura born April 9, 1934, married Joe Stoll; Katie born Feb. 28, 1936, married Stephen Stoll; Johnny born April 4, 1938, married Martha Stoll; Joseph born Nov. 10, 1943, married Rosemary Wagler

The Abner Wagler Family

Arrived March 5, 1954 from Daviess Co. Ind. Moved to 115 A. farm in Lot 24 on both sides of 8th Conc road. The house is on the south side of the road.

Abner Wagler born Nov. 1, 1919 son of Joseph K. and Sarah (Lengacher) Wagler

Katie Wagler born Jan. 1, 1921 daughter of Elias and Fannie (Graber) Graber

Children: Edwin born Oct. 20, 1942, married Catherine Wagler; Rosanna born Feb. 7, 1944, married Alva Eicher; Simon born Dec. 16, 1945; Peter born Dec. 7, 1947; Sarah born May 15, 1949; Fannie Mae born May 5, 1950; Linda born Aug. 29, 1951; Hannah born July 23, 1953

Born in Canada: Ezra born Sept. 11, 1954; Daniel born Aug. 10, 1956; Philip born Oct. 20, 1957; Eli born Feb. 7, 1959; Willis born March 24, 1960, died April 9, 1960, aged 16 days; Lydia born March 30, 1961; Henry born Dec. 24, 1963

The Levi Slaubaugh Family

Arrived June 22, 1954 from Pike Co. Ohio. Lived in Peter Stoll's house till fall when they moved to the 2A. lot which they purchased at the corner of 8th ConcO road and Walker side road

Levi Slaubaugh born March 5, 1909 son of Manasses and Fannie G. Slaubaugh

Elizabeth Slaubaugh born Aug. 26, 1920 daughter of Valentin and Mary Ann (Yoder)

Lambright

Children: Emma born March 21, 1942, married James Stoll; Eva born August 17, 1954

The Jacob Gingerich Family

Arrived June 25, 1954 to live in the Aylmer community. In Dec. of 1954 they moved to the settlement in Gery County, Ontatio, Address: R1 Desboro, Ontario

The Jacob Eicher Family

Arrived Nov. 9, 1954 from Daviess Co. Ind. Moved to 100 A. farm in Lots 31 & 32 one eighth mile north of 8th Conc. road. Later purchased 10 A. in North Gore, Lot 30, Malahide Twp.

Jacob Eicher born Nov. 9, 1914 son of Samuel and Magdalena (Raber) Eicher

Lydia Eicher born May 30, 1917 daughter of Jacob B. and Katie (Schrock) Miller

Children: Samuel born Aug. 3, 1938, married Ruth Stoll; Joseph born Aug. 30, 1939, married Millie Stoltzfus; Johnny born Jan. 8, 1941, married Fannie Swarey; Levi born May 9, 1942, married Leona Graber; Alvin born Aug. 25, 1943, married Rosanna Wagler; Magdalena born Feb. 22, 1945; Susie Catherine born Dec. 12, 1946; Omar born June 24, 1948; Leroy born Aug. 13, 1949; Jacob Jr. born Sept. 21, 1951; Martha born July 5, 1953

Born in Canada: Nancy born Jan. 15, 1955; Rosemary born July 13, 1956

The Levi B. Troyer Family

Arrived March 1, 1955 from Stark Co. Ohio. Moved to 100 A. farm Lot 29, north side of 8th Conc. road, Malahide Twp.

Levi B. Troyer born Jan. 22, 1915

Leah Troyer born Nov. 19, 1914

Children: Martha born May 18, 1941; Alvin born Jan 1, 1943; Noah born March 1, 1946; Levi Jr. born May 29, 1947; Catherine born Aug. 16, 1948; Henry born May 19, 1950; William (Fehr) born Nov. 29, 1955

Moved to Camden, Michigan in March, 1959

Mrs. Joseph K. Wagler

Mrs. Joseph K. Wagler (Sarah Lengacher) born May 28, 1883. She has five children in Aylmer, Ontario. She visited these children frequently during the early years; since 1957 she has made Canada her home. She is an invalid confined to bed and wheelchair.

Died October 4, 1963. Aged 80 years, 4 months and 6 days

Mr. Jacob Yoder

Jacob Yoder born Feb. 20, 1880 the father of Bishop Peter Yoder, also stays in the Aylmer community for a good part of the year, dividing his time here and with his other children who live in Stark Co. Ohio and Daviess Co. Ind. Died Aug. 4, 1960 aged 80 years, 5 months and 15 days.

The Fehr Children

Upon the advice of the Children's Aid Society in St. Thomas, the children of Peter Fehr and his wife of near Corinth were taken into the Amish homes in Sept. 1955. The parents were estranged and the children were not receiving proper care. The Fehrs were originally Mennonites from Mexico.

Jacob made his home at Nicholas Stoltzfus. Elizabeth and Mary made their home at Peter Yoder. Cornelius and Isaac made their home at Noah Goscho until June 1958 when they moved to Joe Stoll. David made his home at Peter Stoll. William (Richard) made his home at Levi Troyer. In March of 1959, when the Troyer family moved to Camden, Michigan Richard was legally adopted and his name was changed to William.

The School

Within a few weeks agter the first Amish came to Aylmer district a parochial school was set up. Classes were held temporarily in Peter Stoll's home. Martha Stoll taught the first spring and most of the 1953-54 school year. In Nov. 1954 the new school house was completed. The school at that time consisted of 31 pupils with Joe Stoll as teacher.

In Feb. 1956 the school began printing a newspaper called "The Canadian Whistle." At one time there were eighty subscribers. The first editor was Elmo Stoll (Feb. 1956-March 1958). He was followed by present editor, Simon Wagler. Fourteen issues have been printed up to date, March 1959.

The Blackboard Bulletin

Our teacher prints a newspaper called "The Blackboard Bulletin." Other teachers and readers write letters and articles for it. It has been printed since the fall of 1957.

The Joe Stoll Family

Moved on the Peter Yoder farm that Pete bought from John Eicher. When Levi Troyer moved to Camden, Michigan they moved with Stephen Stolls to the farm Levi Troyer had. Stephens are in partnership with Joe Stolls.

Joseph Stoll born Dec. 1, 1935, son of Peter and Anna (Wagler) Stoll
 Laura Stoll born April 9, 1934, daughter of Noah and Nancy (Lichti) Gascho
 Children: Cornelius Fehr (Foster) born Aug. 5, 1949; Isaac Fehr (Foster) born Nov. 2, 1951; Paul born April 3, 1958; Rosanna born July 29, 1959; Peter born Oct. 23, 1960; Timothy born Sept. 14, 1962; Naomi born Aug. 19, 1964; Christian born Aug. 13, 1966; Elizabeth born Aug. 22, 1968

The Stephen Stoll Family

Moved on the Peter Yoder farm in partnership with Joe Stolls. Later moved with Joes to Levi B. Troyer farm that they bought.
 Stephen Stoll born June 16, 1937, son of Peter and Anna (Wagler) Stoll
 Katie Stoll born Feb. 28, 1936 daughter of Noah and Nancy (Lichti) Gascho
 Children: James born Dec. 27, 1958; Daniel and David born March 10, 1960; Harold born July 18, 1961; Nsthanael born May 5, 1966; Nancy born Oct. 26, 1968
 On March 26, 1967 Stephen Stoll was ordained as deacon at Aylmer

The John Gascho Family

Moved to the piece of ground bought from his father. Lot 30
 John Gascho born April 4, 1938 son of Noah and Nancy (Lichti) Gascho
 Martha Gascho born Oct. 24, 1934 daughter of Peter and Anna (Wagler) Stoll
 Children: Luke born June 30, 1959; Lois born June 26, 1961; Noah born Oct. 3, 1963; Mary born May 25, 1965; Joseph born April 23, 1967; Anna born Feb. 5, 1969

The James Stoll Family

Moved to Peter Yoder farm, which Peter bought from John Eicher. After awhile they bought a trailer house and lived on Peter Stoll farm till 1963 they bought a farm on 9th Conc. road.
 James Stoll born Aug. 31, 1938, son of Peter and Anna (Wagler) Stoll
 Emma Stoll born March 21, 1942, daughter of Levi and Elizabeth (Lambright) Slaubaugh
 Children: Willis born Aug. 15, 1961; Clyde born Oct. 11, 1962; Victor born March 25, 1964; Lavern born Sept. 4, 1965; Elizabeth Ann born Jan. 22, 1967; Fannie Mae born Nov. 11, 1968

The Samuel Eicher Family

Moved to Peter Stoll farm, built a barn on Jacob Eicher farm 8th Conc. road Lot 30 (North Gore) in May, 1962. Built a house in 1963. Moved to the 2 A. in spring 1964 and 2 A. in spring 1965.
 Samuel Eicher born Aug. 3, 1938 son of Jacob and Lydia (Miller) Eicher
 Ruth Eicher born April 8, 1942 daughter of Peter and Anna (Wagler) Stoll
 Children: Jerry born May 12, 1961; Susanna born Aug. 11, 1962; Johnny born Oct. 22, 1963; Miriam born Oct. 14, 1965; Jacob born May 15, 1967; Samuel Jr. March 2, 1969

The Joseph Eicher Family

Moved to Nicholas Stoltzfus farm
 Joseph Eicher born Aug. 30, 1939, son of Jacob and Lydia (Miller) Eicher
 Millie Eicher born Aug. 22, 1936 daughter of Nicholas and Lucille (Lambright) Stoltzfus
 Children: Lydianne born June 5, 1962; Eva born May 14, 1963; Dorcas born May 13, 1964; Lucille born Aug. 15, 1965; Josiah born Oct. 26, 1966; Adina born Dec. 13, 1967; Jethro born March 15, 1969

The Solomon Herrfort Family

Moved to farm 9th Conc. road, Lot 30
 Solomon Herrfort born Feb. 2, 1923, son of Nicholas and Mary (Kuepfer) Herrfort
 Esther Herrfort born June 26, 1932 daughter of Noah and Nancy (Lichti) Gascho
 Children: Nicholas born Jan. 17, 1963; Nancy born April 9, 1964; Mary born Feb. 13, 1966; Katie born Aug. 9, 1967; Aaron born Oct. 11, 1968

The Eli Hostetler Family

Arrived April 11, 1962 from Middlefield, (Geuga County) Ohio. Moved to farm, about ½ mile south of the east end of 8th Conc. road.
 Eli Hostetler Jr. born June 17, 1923 son of Eli and Lydia (Detweiler) Hostetler
 Amanda Hostetler born August 20, 1926 daughter of Andy R. and Sarah (Graber) Miller
 Children: Sylvia born Sept. 1, 1946; David born Jan. 10, 1948; Andy born March 6, 1949; Eli III born March 11, 1951; Danny born Feb. 9, 1953; Mark born Sept. 5, 1954; Bertha born June 25, 1957; Ruth born June 15, 1959; Karen born Nov. 12, 1960; Laura born Oct. 1, 1963; Nathan born Nov. 10, 1965; Jonathan born May 4, 1967

The Levi Eicher Family

Moved to Peter Yoder farm. Bought a 50 A. farm in spring of 1966 on 8th Conc.
 Levi Eicher born May 9, 1942 son of Jacob and Lydia (Miller) Eicher
 Leona Eicher born April 18, 1943 daughter of Homer and Rachel (Wagler) Graber
 Children: Ervin born Aug. 1, 1963; Stephen born Feb. 2, 1965; Laura born Nov. 1, 1966; Lydia Mae born Aug. 30, 1968

The Joe Miller Family

Arrived Nov. 6, 1962 from Lakeside, Ontario. Moved to a 50 A. farm on 8th Conc road Lot 32, Malahide Twp.
 Joseph Miller Jr. born Sept. 7, 1932 son of Joseph and Lydia (Kurtz) Miller
 Mary Ellen Miller born May 30, 1935
 Children: Paul born July 1, 1955; Martha born Jan. 20, 1957; Sarah born Dec. 15, 1958; Cindy born July 17, 1960; Ruth born Sept. 8, 1964; Timothy born Nov. 4, 1965; Miriam born March 16, 1968
 Moved to Jackson, Ohio in March 1966

The Edwin Wagler Family

Arrived Oct. 20, 1964 from Montgonery, Ind. Moved to Peter Yoder farm.
 Edwin Wagler born Oct. 20, 1942 son of Abner and Katie (Graber) Wagler
 Catherine Wagler born March 12, 1942 daughter of Ben and Mary (Graber) Wagler.
 Children: Johnny born March 26, 1965; Marie born May 17, 1967; Esther born Feb 2, 1969

The Alva Eicher Family

Moved to a 50 A. farm in April 1965, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile south of 9th Conc road, Lot 31
 Alva Eicher born Aug. 25, 1943 son of Jacob and Lydia (Miller) Eicher
 Rosanna Eicher born Feb. 7, 1944 daughter of Abner and Katie (Graber) Wagler
 Children: Enos born July 23, 1966; Katie born Aug. 13, 1968

The Joseph Gascho Family

Moved to the Noah Gascho farm, Lot 29 & 30, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of 8th Conc. road on the west side of the road, Malahide Twp.
 Joseph Gascho born Nov. 10, 1943 son of Noah and Nancy (Lichti) Gascho
 Rosemary Gascho born March 6, 1943 daughter of David and Ida Mae (Yoder) Wagler
 Children: Eunice born Dec. 4, 1966; Simon born Nov. 5, 1967

The Monroe Hochstetler Family

Arrived Sept. 15, 1966 from Etna Green, Ind. Moved to their 113 A. farm
 Monroe Hochstetler born Sept. 12, son of Dan and Lovina (Hochstetler) Hochstetler
 Mary Hochstetler born _____ daughter of Jerry and Iva (Schmucker) Slabaugh
 Children: Iva Mae born Nov. 2, 1953; Glenn born Feb. 5, 1954; Daniel born Sept. 18, 1955; Samuel born Dec. 16, 1958; Eddie born June 26, 1959; David born Nov. 23, 1961; Edna born July 29, 1962; Johnny born May 15, 1964; Barbara born Jan. 22, 1966, Susan born Jan. 11, 1968

The Alva Stoll Family

After marriage they lived with parents, Peter Stoll. They live in a caboose for their home.
 Alva Stoll born Sept. 4, 1940 son of Peter and Anna (Wagler) Stoll
 Bertha Stoll born July 16, 1942 daughter of Alvin and Anna (Zook) Kauffman
 Child: Gideon born Dec. 30, 1967

Ervin Lambright born Oct. 23, 1939 son of Valentine and Mary Ann (Yoder) Lambright

On Feb. 2, 1967 arrived and moved to his 85 A. farm, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile north and 1 mile west of Corinth. Arrived from LaGrange, Indiana

The Solomon Miller Family

Arrived March 21, 1967 from Jackson Co. Ohio and moved to their 100 A. farm
 Solomon Miller born Sept. 8, 1917 son of Joe and Lena Miller
 Sarah Miller born July 3, 1920 daughter of Joas and Elizabeth (Yoder) Miller
 Children: Alvin born Sept. 18, 1943, married Ella Beachy; Elizabeth born June 28, 1945; Esther born July 24, 1947; Daniel born Dec. 29, 1948; Joe born June 11, 1950; Anna born June 1, 1952; Mabel born May 23, 1955; David born July 30, 1958; Raymond born Sept. 3, 1962

The Eli C. Miller Family

Arrived April 25, 1967 from Mitchell, Indiana
 Eli Miller born March 14, 1927 son of Crist and Anna (Troyer) Miller
 Ella Miller born Feb. 4, 1930 daughter of John A. and Jemima (Hostetler) Miller
 Children: William born Sept. 14, 1950; Marvin born May 3, 1952; Crist born June 27, 1953; Marie born May 21, 1955; Mary Ann born March 27, 1958

The Andrew Mast Family

Arrived from Jamesport Missouri Jan. 31, 1968. Moved to 77 A. farm, lot 33 on 9th Conc. road, Malahide Twp.
 Andrew Mast born June 21, 1928 son of Eli and Amansa (Yoder) Mast
 Malinda Mast born March 14, 1926 daughter of Jacob and Lizzie Ann (Miller) Farmwald.
 Lizzie Ann died when Malinda was 6 months old. Malinda was adopted by Jake and Mary (Miller) Mast, her mother's sister.
 Children: Raymond born Sept 2, 1951; Eli born July 22, 1953; Melvin born July 28, 1954; Alma born Oct. 1, 1955; Mary born March 2, 1957

The Calvin Nissley Family

Arrived from Oakland, Maryland. Moved to Peter Yoder for time of being.
 Calvin Nissley born Oct. 29, 1920 son of David and Emma (Schrock) Nissley
 Lena Nissley born Dec. 22, 1919 daughter of Ammon D. and Magdalena (Byler) Miller
 Children: Maniluis born Sept. 12, 1942; Leroy born Nov. 21, 1943; Vernon born Dec.
 5, 1947; (Married and do not live in Canada) Lydia born Feb. 8, 1946; Calvin Jr. born
 Jan. 14, 1952; John Freeman born July 9, 1953; Emma Ruth born April 2, 1960

The Milo Yoder Family

Arrived from Oakland, Maryland on June 12, 1969
 Milo I. Yoder born Aug. 10, 1909 son of Ira and Susan (Brenneman) Yoder
 First wife: Ada Yoder born Jan. 4, 1913 daughter of Eli and Annie (Byler) Miller
 Died April 1, 1945
 Children: Jonas born Nov. 10, 1939; Mahlon born Sept. 8, 1940; Iddo born Aug. 23,
 1941; Lena born July 27, 1942; Annie born Oct 5, 1943; Infant daughter born and died
 April 1, 1945
 Second wife: Rebecca Yoder born Oct 11, 1921 daughter of Jonas and Rachel (Beiler) Stoltzfus
 Children: Lydia Mae born Dec. 28, 1946; Eli born Nov. 29, 1947; Noah born April 2,
 1949; Rachel born June 29, 1950; Harvey born Oct. 14, 1951

The Mahlon Yoder Family

Arrived from Oakland, Maryland on June 12, 1969
 Mahlon Yoder born Sept. 8, 1940 son of Milo I. and Ada (Miller) Yoder
 Lizzie Yoder born March 31, 1939 daughter of John N. and Barbara (Peight) Yoder
 Children: Eli John born Aug. 24, 1963; Sylvan Milo born Oct. 7, 1964; Ada Mary born
 April 19, 1966; Aquilla Mark born Jan. 18, 1968; Fannie Miriam born April 19, 1969

MARRIAGES

Stoll-Gascho:

Joseph, son of Peter Stolls and Lsura, daughter of Noah Gaschos were married April
 4, 1957. The wedding took place at the Noah Gascho home. This was the first marriage
 in the Aylmer settlement.

Gascho-Stoll and Stoll-Gascho:

A double wedding took place at the Peter Stoll home. The two couples were John
 Gascho, son of Noah Gaschos and Martha Stoll, daughter of Peter Stolls; Stephen Stoll,
 son of Peter Stolls and Katie Gascho, daughter of Noah Gaschos. They were married on
 March 6, 1958;

Eicher-Stoll and Stoll-Slaubaugh:

A double wedding took place at Levi Slaubaugh's home on August 9, 1960. The two
 couples were Samuel, son of Jacob Eichers and Ruth, daughter of Peter Stolls; James, son
 of Peter Stolls and Emma, daughter of Levi Slaubaugh's.

Eicher-Stoltzfus:

Joseph, son of Jacob Eichers and Millie, daughter of Nicholas Stoltzfus were mar-
 ried August 20, 1961 at the Nicholas Stoltzfus home.

Herrfort-Gascho:

Solomon, son of Nicholas Herrforts and Esther, daughter of Noah Gaschos were mar-
 ried Nov. 23, 1961 at the home of Noah Gascho.

Eicher-Graber:

Levi, son of Jacob Eichers and Leona, daughter of Homer Grabers were married Aug.
 16, 1962 at the Peter Yoder home but dinner was served at Homer Grabers.

Wagler-Wagler:

Edwin, son of Abner Wagler of Aylmer, Ont. and Catherine, daughter of Ben and Mary
 Wagler of Daviess Co. Ind. were married March 12, 1964 at Ben Waglers by Bishop Peter
 Yoder.

Eicher-Wagler:

Alva, son of Jacob and Lydia (Miller) Eicher and Rosanna, daughter of Abner and
 Katie (Graber) Wagler were married Feb. 25, 1965 at the hom of the bride.

Gäscho-Wagler:

Joseph, son of Noah and Nancy (Lichti) Gascho and Rosemary, daughter of David and
 Ida (Yoder) Wagler were married Jan. 3, 1966 at the David Wagler home.

Eicher-Swarey:

John Eicher, son of Jacob and Lydia (Miller) Eicher married Fannie Swary, March 27,
 1966 from Ohio. Both are members of the Holderman Church.

Stoll-Kauffman:

Alva, son of Peter and Anna (Wagler) Stoll and Bertha, daughter of Alvin and Anna
 Kauffman of Oakland, Maryland were married March 19, 1967 at the Peter Stoll home.

Wagler-Eicher:

Simon, son of Abner and Katie (Graber) Wagler and Susie, daughter of Jacob and Lydia
 (Miller) Eicher were married Dec. 12, 1968 at the Jacob Eicher home.

Deaths

Willis Wagler died April 9, 1960 at the age of 16 days
 Jacob Yoder died August 4, 1960 at the age of 80 years, 5 months and 15 days
 Mrs. Joseph K. Wagler (Sarah Lengacher) died Oct. 4, 1963 aged 80 years, 4 M. & 6 D.

THE JOSEPH J. MILLER FAMILY

Joseph J. Miller, son of Joseph and Barbara (Bontrager) Miller was born November 15, 1808, Somerset County, Pennsylvania., died October 12, 1887, married to Elizabeth Yoder. She was born July 12, 1812, died April 1881.

In 1840 Joseph J. Miller went on horseback from Somerset County, Pennsylvania to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and from there with a party of four went by boat down the Ohio River to the Mississippi River, then up to Burlington, now Muscatine, Iowa, to investigate western land. They traveled across the prairies of Des Moines, Henry, Washington, and Johnson Counties seeking a suitable location for a future home. They were impressed by the Hickory Groves along the Deer Creek on the southwestern part of Johnson County and liked the Iowa soil, but it being cold and wet, and with reports concerning the ague and fever in this region kept them from locating there, so they returned to Pennsylvania.

In June 1841 the Joseph J. Miller family with a colony of 24 migrated to Elkhart County, Indiana, establishing the first Amish settlement in the state. Joseph's son Daniel being eight years old at the time, walked about half of the way from Pennsylvania to Indiana along with the covered wagons. Several years later the Joseph J. Miller family moved to LaGrange County, Indiana where in the year 1848 he was ordained Bishop, he being ordained to the ministry in Pennsylvania. He was the first Amish Bishop in the state of Indiana. It is said sometime later he walked along Indian trails from Indiana to Iowa to perform a wedding ceremony. Not knowing who the young folks were or what part of Iowa, only a few families lived there at the time. Most places along the trails were still inhabited by Indians.

Can we imagine where Joseph would have stayed overnight while on his journey? A distance of approximately 350 miles. Today if we would have to walk to town a distance of three or four miles, we would think it's too great a distance.

AARON E. BEILER

Born January 1, 1896 - Died May 18, 1968

He was chairman of the educational committee and spokesman on school matters for the Old Order Amish for many years. He presented their views on educational matters on a local, county and state basis. Some of the cases in which he was involved drew national attention.

Aiding in the growth of both the Amish parochial schools and the vocational classes, he told educational officials of the Amish viewpoint, and informed the Amish of the government stand. This difficult role was carried out with devotion, being a deeply religious man who preferred to stay out of the public eye, in keeping with the teaching of his faith.

Ein Andenken Fon
Aaron E. Beiler
Sein leben fon der kindheit auf,
Ist uns nicht alles bekant,
Gott weist sein ganges lebens lauf,
Er gete uns for in gut forstand.

Es komt uns oft in undre hertzen,
Shon ein ganzes yahr darhin,
Denken oft an seinie smertzen,
Wie sie war so swer by ihm.

In aller siener trurigheit,
Wie er war ser belaude,
Gott hat ihm einen kron bereit,
Doch gab er gutte rate.

O! Unsre zeitlang hilft uns nicht,
Doch wollen wir ihm nicht vergessen,
Wie er war fön angesicht,
Die Geistlich speis zu essen.

Lesen, beten un begehrin,
Standhaft un getreu zu sein,
Gottes Wort so gernie hören,
Fleisig zu gen in der gemein.

Alle seine wort un wergen,
So sie noch jetzt for uns stehen,
Bleiben fest wie grose bergen,
De doch net so bald vergehen.

Von wir könten ihm noch hören
Reden un singen in der gemein,
Doch es ist ya anders werden,
Den sein stuhl ist lehr deheim.

Zu seinem kinder spricht er hier,
Bleibt standhaft in dieser zeit.
Nach Christie glaben folget ihr,
De welt hat ihr böse leit.

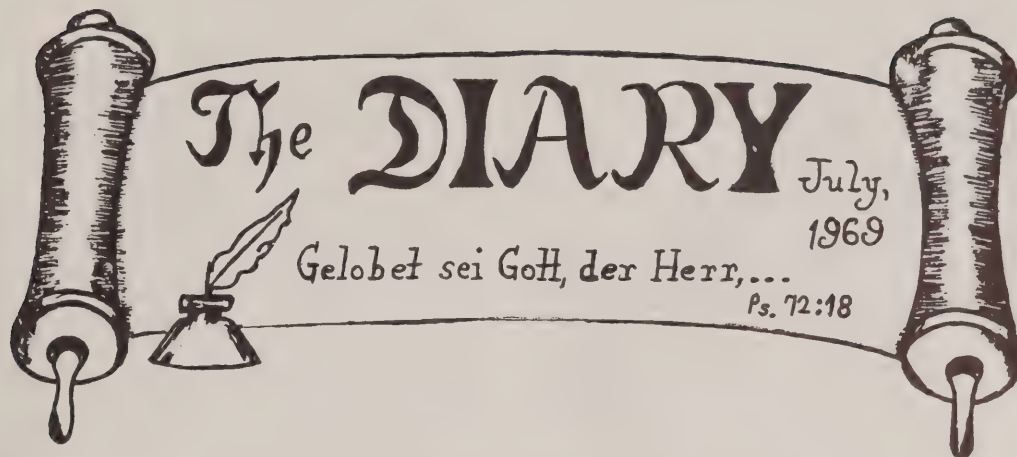
Zu allen seinen kinder's kindern,
Briefet doch die böse zeit.
Meidet alle böse sindern,
Den es komt ein ewigkeit.

Jesus liebt ya alle kinderlein,
So sie leben wie sie sollen,
Doch es macht Ihm so traurig sein,
Von sie leben wie sie wollen.

Für alle nochborn un bekanden,
Wünscht er inen glick un segen,
Den sein zeit ist nun forhanden,
Jetzt ist er ins grab gelegen.

Fon der Family





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PENNSYLVANIA GIRL HURT AT HARVEST

Nancy, eleven-year-old daughter of Daniel B. and Mary (Fisher) Smucker, Gordonville R1, Pennsylvania was critically injured on Tuesday, July 15 when she was run over by a horse-drawn wagon filled with wheat. She is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital, Lancaster with head and chest injuries. The girl was helping her father thresh wheat at the farm of James Bawell at the time of the mishap. Nancy was riding on the front seat of a two-wheeled cart when the horse turned sharply and she slipped from the seat into the path of one of the wheels.

SOMERSET COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BOY KILLED IN LOGGING ACCIDENT

On July 8th as Urias, son of Elmer S. and Lucy (Lichty) Yoder was helping his brother skid logs, a log thirty feet long which they were pulling with a winch suddenly struck an object which stopped it causing the hind end to lash around hitting the boy who was standing fifteen feet to the side. He was rushed to the hospital and operated on but died July 10th from a crushed liver and pneumonia.

His age was 19 years, 7 months, 29 days and he was a faithful member of the Old Order Amish Church. Funeral services were held July 13th at Niverton, conducted by Ray S. Kinsinger and Bennie A. Yoder.

ILLNESS FATAL TO GLICK INFANT

Alvin K. Glick, seven-month-old son of Christian B. and Sarah S. (Kauffman) Glick of Ronks R1, Pennsylvania was dead on arrival at the Osteopathic Hospital Wednesday morning, July 30. Death was due to bronchial pneumonia.

His maternal grandparents are Isaac S. and Emma S. (Fisher) Kauffman, Ronks R1; his paternal grandparents are David I. and Jemima K. (Beiler) Glick, Ronks R1; his maternal great grandparents are Mrs. Leah S. Kauffman, Belleville, Pa. and Mrs. Katie Fisher, R1 Ronks, Pennsylvania.

Funeral services were held Friday, August 1 by Amos G. Esh and Moses Blank, hymn read by Emanuel S. Fisher, burial in Beiler's Cemetery at Ronks.

LANCASTER COUNTY MAN DIED AT HARRISBURG STATE HOSPITAL

John L. Lapp, husband of Susie (King) Lapp of 2471 Horseshoe Road, Lancaster, Penna. died at the State Hospital in Harrisburg Saturday morning July 19, aged 45 years, 2 months and 29 days. His death was due to suffocation from an epileptic seizure.

He was a son of the late Shristian L. and Lavina S. (Miller) Lapp and is survived by two daughters, Lydia, wife of Ben P. Esh 2471 Horseshoe Road, Lancaster and Lavina, wife of John E. Kauffman, Lower Valley Road, Christiana R1, Pa. There are three grandchildren and one sister Mary M. Lapp 2469 Horseshoe Road, Lancaster and one brother Christ Lapp Jr. Witmer, Pennsylvania. John was a patient at the hospital for eighteen years.

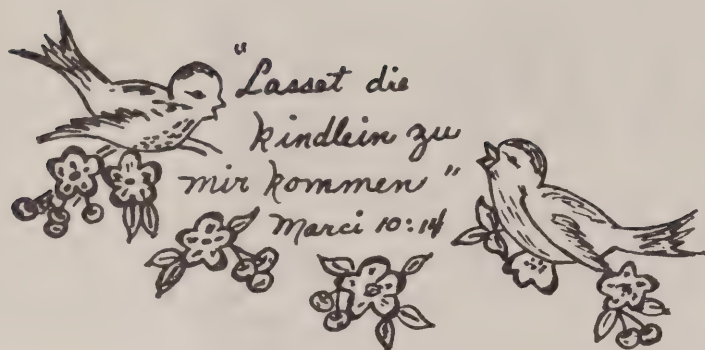
Funeral services were held Monday afternoon July 21 by Aaron Y. Beiler and Enos M. Beiler, hymn read by John K. Lapp, burial in Myer's cemetery, Leola, Pennsylvania.

INDIANA MAN DIED FROM HEART ATTACK

Peter G. Graber died unexpectedly on Monday evening, July 7th due to a heart attack. He was ill for several months being off and on at the hospital. He was 73 years old.

He is survived by his wife Anna and four sons, Elmer married to Mary Schmucker, Reuben married to Verna Graber, Alvin married to Kathryn Graber and Lavern at home, also four daughters, Mrs. David Schmucker, Mrs. Menno Schwartz, Mrs. Enos Steury and Mrs. John Graber.

Let us remember our bereaved ones on prayer



BIRTHS

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Zook, Andy S. (Lavina Hershberger)
a daughter MARY, July 18

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Peachey, John L. (Katie Peachey)
a son ROMAN, July 22
Peachey, Josiah (Annie L. Peachey)
a son SAMUEL, July 2
Peachey, Samuel J. (Annie M. Peachey)
a son LEON, July 18
Peight, Samuel, (Annie Peachey)
a daughter SALINA, July 10
Above 4 addresses are Belleville, Pa.

New Haven, Indiana

Graber, John (Josephine Graber) a son _____
Graber, Martin (Marjory Steury) a daughter MARJORY
Schmucker, David (Emma Schmucker) a daughter MARY

Daviess County, Indiana

Graber, Alva, (Fannie Miller) Montgomery R1, a daughter MARY BETH, July 18
Graber, William (Lillie Stoll) Montgomery R1, a son AMOS, July 22
Kemp, John Henry (Ida Mae Wagler) Loogootee R2, a son DAVID RAY, July 11
Marner, John (Betty Lengacher) 423 W. Columbia St. Evansville, Ind. a son RONALD LEE, July 3
Raber, Menno (Fannie Knepp) Loogootee R2, a son _____ June 23
Wagler, David (Anna Graber) Montgomery R1, a daughter ANNA BARBARA, July 15
Wagler, Enos (Viola Graber) Odon R1, a son _____
Wagler, Herman (Pauline Knepp) Loogootee R2, a daughter ROSENA KAY, July 12
Wagler, Noah (Anna Knepp) a daughter _____ July 30
Wagler, Willis (Rachel Wagler) Montgomery R1, a daughter MARY CATHERINE, June 15
Wittmer, Harold (Pauline Wagler) Montgomery R1, A daughter _____ July 15

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Benjamin S. (Sarah G. Fisher) Christiana R1, a daughter _____ July 28
Beiler, Ira S. (Melinda Fisher) Paradise R1, a son IRA S. Jr., July 21
Beiler, Josiah K. (Anna B. Stoltzfus) Christiana R1, a daughter SYLVIA S. July 24
Beiler, Samuel S. (Sally Ann Glick) Quarryville R3, a daughter ADA MARIE, July 30
Esh, Daniel S. (Amanda Miller) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son MERVIN M., July 1
Esh, Henry (Katie Lapp) Ronks R1, a daughter ANNIE, July 20
Esh, Reuben F. (Mary S. King) Gordonville R1, a daughter SUSAN K., July 7
Fisher, Elam H. (Suvilla Stoltzfus) Ronks R1, a son JOHN DAVID, July 18
Fisher, Jacob M. (Arie E. Stoltzfus) Christiana R1, a daughter LYDIA K., July 19
Fisher, John F. (Annie Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter EMMA, July 21
Fisher, Roy S. (Sylvia S. Lapp) Quarryville R3, A daughter LIZZIE, July 25
Glick, Christian (Malinda Stoltzfus) Narvon R2, a son DANIEL U., July 8
Kauffman, John (Emma Stoltzfus) Christiana R1, a daughter BARBARA, July 5
King, Abram P. (Fannie S. Fisher) Gordonville R1, a daughter ADA RUTH, July 19
King, Benjamin B. (Rebecca S. Zook) Stumptown Rd. Ronks R1, a dau MALINDA, July 11
King, Benuel K. (Barbara L. Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son AMOS, July 16
King, Isaac Z. (Hannah S. Lapp) 1404 Hauser Rd. Lancaster, a dau BARBARA, July 27
King, John (Fannie King) Paradise R1, a son SAMUEL, July 22
King, Samuel S. (Mary Ann Stoltzfus) Narvon R1, a daughter KATHERINE, July 15
Lapp, Isaac S. (Emma Kauffman) Ronks R1, a son SAMUEL, July 27
Smoker, Jonas F. (Lydia L. Beiler) Gordonville R1, a daughter NAOMI, July 16
Stoltzfus, Moses S. (Barbara King) Gordonville R1, A daughter KATIE, July 22
Stoltzfus, Jonas K. (Fannie K. Fisher) a son _____ July 18
Zook, Daniel (Nancy Mae King) Narvon R1, a son BENUEL K., July 13

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July is named in honor of Julius Caesar, the greatest of Roman statesmen, who was born on the twelfth of this month. It has 31 days. The 4th is widely known as a holiday in this country and this year another one came in called Moon Day. It was quite an adventure for the people of this world. To the peace loving Christians it was a day of mixed feelings. This the month of grain harvest and a long warm summer month.

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

New Haven, Indiana

This area had 6 inches of rain in June and $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in July. Crops yield fairly good. Oats yield between 60 and 70 bushels per acre and wheat was between 40 and 50 per acre. Corn looks good, tasseling and shooting ears with plenty of rain.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

We are blessed with nice growing weather. Second crop hay is being cut. Wheat is threshed and people are busy cutting oats which looks to be a good crop also.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

July was warm and rainy with 5.6 inches of rain which is more than any other month had this year. Most of the wheat is threshed, but lots of oats still on shock, very little is combined yet. Corn looks beautiful, green and lush. Katy-dids are heard at night.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

We had very nice harvest weather the beginning of the month. The rest of the month was cloudy with rain well over the average for July. There were a few nice days between showers with temperatures in the high nineties. Total rainfall for July in the area east of Intercourse was 9.1 inches.

Corn is tall and tasseled. Tobacco topping is well underway. Poor hay making is due to wet weather with some spoiled hay. A few farmers have an acre or so of pickles this year. This is the first they have been tried in Lancaster County. They seem to be doing good at \$1.20 a bushel or \$48.00 a ton. Farmers started picking in July and will pick till September. There are reports of 20 tons to an acre.

The July rainfall was 10.4 inches in the Bareville area. An old saying is, "If the springs don't rise in the spring they will in August," and this year they did.

Fowl prices: Light weight \$.11, heavy \$.19; Eggs, \$.48; steers, \$.31; hogs, \$.28; wheat, \$1.35 a bu.; barley, \$.90; oats \$.75; ear corn \$45.00 a ton; potatoes, \$3.00 cwt.; Hay: alfalfa, \$32.00 a ton; timothy \$24.00; mixed hay, \$25.00; straw, \$18.00 a ton.

Johnson County, Iowa

Weather has been ideal the last ten days with no rain, but we had plenty through most of July. Temperature has been in the nineties for eight consecutive days but has moderated some lately. Oats are being threshed and combined. There is lots of straw, but some report the oats do not weigh out. Some fields were lodged very bad with weeds coming up through which is very unusual but is possibly due to the abundance of rainfall. Gardens are nice.

Holmes County, Ohio

We are having lots of rain. Farmers can hardly get into their fields to harvest their grain. Some places the farmers couldn't get their hay and just left it lay. Our big flood on the fourth of July washed lots of hay out of the fields and they never got it. Some corn fields are flattened and remain so. Wheat and oats are covered with debris, trees and brush and they never tried to get it. More than two dozen people drowned and some were never yet found. Folks say they never saw anything like this in history. Ten to twelve inches of rain fell in one night.

OLD ORDER AMISH HOSPITAL AID MEETING

The Old Order Amish Hospital Aid meeting was held at the home of John Fisher, Gordonville R1, Pennsylvania on July 26. There were a few topics discussed. John J. Lapp, treasurer, gave a report on the hospital bills that have been paid. Christ Speicher was elected by vote to have charge of the meetings. This Hospital Aid plan was started January 1, 1969. In recent years hospital bills have become enormous. Some of our young people are taking hospitalization. Through the Hospital Aid Plan we hope to avoid this in the future by helping each other bear these financial burdens in a brotherly way. There are 27 church districts started on the plan with 990 members participating.

JULY			1969			
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saw handle caught on a tree branch, thus the saw pierced his neck giving a fatal wound.

In the 1825 era the Mainline Railroad was built through the Pequea Valley. This motive was generally appreciated by the public and it brought with it many advancements. Instead of hauling the wheat with four or six horse team to Philadelphia or Wilmington, it could now be hauled to a local station and loaded on cars and thus be shipped to the mills. Furthermore it provided new markets for other produce of the farm. But with it followed a new era of accidents.

An account from our death record book gives us a few of these. On January 18, 1857 Stephen, the youngest son of Preacher John Blank of Spring Garden was killed in a railroad accident near Paradise. He was 31 years of age and married to Nancy Stoltzfus, a daughter of Bishop John Stoltzfus II. They likely lived on one of the Blank farms near Spring Garden. After her husband's death she moved back home (Groffdale) and soon married to Joseph Beiler. She was the mother of the late Bishop John Beiler of Groffdale.

On October 18, 1887 Anna (Kauffman) wife of Jacob Stoltzfus and Barbara (Kanagy) Stoltzfus were killed while crossing the railroad at Jonathan Smokers (Steele's Crossing) by the two o'clock train, west. The bodies were taken to the Jacob Stoltzfus home where the funeral took place. Sermons by John Peachey of Mifflin County and Gideon K. Stoltzfus of Lower Peauea.

They were going to a corn husking to meet their friends there, and what was to be a pleasure proved to be a deep and everlasting sorrow. (death record book)

On August 8, 1897 David Esh and Rebecca his wife were instantly killed while crossing the railroad on their way to Lancaster Market, by the 3 o'clock train, west. The bodies were taken to Lancaster on the train, from there taken to the home that evening. The funeral took place August 11, services by Benjamin Lantz and Henry Stoltzfus.

A number of people assembled; oh what a shock for the poor children. We can not know how their hearts must have beaten with pain and sorrow when the message was brought home that father and mother were both dead. (death record book)

Soon after 1900 the trolley lines were built through our section. They soon progressed fast and boomed a short life. These too added new casualties to our list.



We have an account of a trolley accident from the December 14, 1928 Lancaster newspaper. While defective signals and a heavy fog were blamed for the accident, human errors were likely connected with it. It was a head-on collision of two Terre Hill trolleys. A motorman, a conductor and passengers were killed. Fourteen others were injured. The casualty list included Bishop Samuel M. Stoltzfus, Elverson R3, suffering a fractured leg and shock. Two of his sons were also aboard the inbound trolley, Samuel E. and Stephen.

After a while the automobile increased its rate in appearance in the country. In its time the auto was responsible for more deaths in this country than all the wars fought in this country. These accounts are much too numerous to list in this space, but there are a few that made stains to be remembered. On July 26, 1940 Sara Stoltzfus Lapp was killed in an auto accident in the Dover, Delaware area. She was the wife of Preacher John S. Lapp and on this occasion they were visiting friends there. A negro native crashed into their buggy in which they were riding resulting in a fatal accident.

On November 17, 1943 a Lincoln Highway accident took place in Leaman Place, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Four men were going to a barn raising at the farm of John Glick near Limeville. Preacher Christian L. Fisher, Amos S. Fisher, Noah Fisher and Christian M. Fisher were riding together in a carriage when a truck struck them instantly killing Christ L. Fisher and Amos S. Fisher. Noah Fisher died in the hospital a day later.

There were three funerals held on three successive days. Ministers Noah Yoder and Henry Miller of LaGrange County, Indiana were visiting this section at the time. They preached most of the sermons at the three funerals.

Many more could be listed here and besides the automobile there were others caused by runaway teams, falling trees, barn raising mishaps, engine belts, and we have one so simple as a man was jumping across a ditch, making a mistep he broke his neck. Here again is an open field for anyone interested to work in. Anyone with ample information on hand kindly write us a line.

Joseph F. Beiler

SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

1. Alvin C. Wagler <i>David 5 S.E.</i>	Mary Wittmer <i>William, Ft. Wayne, Ind.</i>
2. Amos Graber <i>Joseph R. 24 S.E.</i>	Naomi Knepp <i>Samuel 5 M.W.</i>
3. Henry Wagler <i>Peter S. 36 S.W.</i>	Viola Knepp <i>Fred W. 26 M.W.</i>
3. Elias Graber <i>Peter dec.</i>	Fannie Graber <i>dec.</i>
4. Glen Wagler <i>David 4 S.E.</i>	Ida Knepp <i>Levi dec.</i>
4. David Wagler <i>Joseph dec.</i>	Katie Graber <i>dec.</i>
5. Abraham Graber <i>Amos S. dec.</i>	Mildred Knepp <i>Mary 35 N.W.</i>
6. Herald Wittmer <i>Noah 7 S.E.</i>	Pauline Knepp <i>John Henry 5 M.W.</i>
7. Noah Wittmer <i>Amos 26 S.W.</i>	Rosa Wagler <i>Sarah 9 S.E.</i>
7. Sarah Wagler <i>John Graber dec.</i>	Levi Wagler <i>dec.</i>
8. M. Levi J. Wagler <i>John J. dec.</i>	Katie Lengacher <i>Simon 16 M.N.</i>
9. Henry S. Wagler <i>Amos dec.</i>	Katie Wagler <i>Henry dec.</i>
9. Herman Wagler <i>Henry S. 9 S.E.</i>	Pauline Knepp <i>Albert 25 N.W.</i>
9. Loyd Graber <i>Abraham 5 S.E.</i>	Sylvia Wagler <i>Henry S. 9 S.E.</i>
10. Joseph H. Wagler <i>Henry dec.</i>	Ada Marie Stoll <i>John 9 S.W.</i>
11. Willie Graber <i>William R. 19 S.E.</i>	Margaret Yoder <i>Henry M. W. 14</i>
12. Raymond Yoder <i>Jonas dec.</i>	Leota Knepp <i>Anna 20 M.W.</i>
13. Melvin Wagler <i>Henry S. 9 S.E.</i>	Ida Mae Stoll <i>John 12 S.W.</i>
14. John H. Raber <i>Henry 23 S.W.</i>	Rosa Wagler <i>Adel 25 M.N.</i>
15. David Stoll <i>Frank dec.</i>	Katie Wagler <i>Joseph dec.</i>
16. Alva E. Wagler <i>John J. dec.</i>	Fannie Yoder <i>Henry 14 M.W.</i>
16. Martha Wagler <i>John J. dec.</i>	
17. John E. Wagler <i>David 4 S.E.</i>	Ida Mae Stoll <i>Henry dec.</i>
18. Nicklaus and Adaline Wagler <i>Jacob dec.</i>	
19. William R. Graber <i>Noah dec.</i>	Ida Wagler <i>David 4 S.E.</i>
19. Glen Graber <i>William R. 19 S.E.</i>	Beulah Graber <i>Amos A. 27 M.N.</i>
20. Joseph Knepp <i>Samuel 5 M.W.</i>	Viola Lengacher <i>Victor 27 S.E.</i>
21. M. Paul Stoll <i>Homer 4 S.W.</i>	Marie Lengacher <i>Victor 27 S.E.</i>
21. Victor Lengacher <i>Samuel dec.</i>	Sarah Wagler <i>dec.</i>
22. Daniel Graber <i>Levi E. 27 N.W.</i>	Laura Wagler <i>Francis 23 S.E.</i>
23. Francis Wagler <i>John J. dec.</i>	Fannie Lengacher <i>Simon 16 M.N.</i>
24. Joseph R. Graber <i>Noah dec.</i>	Lydia Graber <i>Amos 33 M.N.</i>
25. Simon R. Graber <i>Noah dec.</i>	Katie Raber <i>Daniel dec.</i>
26. Victor Wagler <i>John C. dec.</i>	Anna Kemp <i>Simon dec.</i>
27. B. William Graber <i>John dec.</i>	Leah Knepp <i>Abraham dec.</i>
27. Amos Wagler <i>Peter S. 36 S.W.</i>	Sisanna Graber <i>William 27 S.E.</i>
28. Ora Wagler <i>Joseph J. 36 S.E.</i>	Deliah Wagler <i>Alvin C. 7 S.E.</i>
29. Harvey Graber <i>Nick R. 12 S.E.</i>	Leah Wagler <i>Mary K. 28 M.W.</i>
30. Victor Lengacher <i>Ezra 37 S.E.</i>	Lydia Wagler <i>Katie L. 30 N.W.</i>
31. Nicklaus R. Graber <i>Noah dec.</i>	Ida Graber <i>Amos 30 M.N.</i>
32. Raymond Graber <i>Nick R. 37 S.E.</i>	Martha Graber <i>Amos R. 22 N.W.</i>
33. David Graber <i>William R. 19 S.E.</i>	Rosanna Yoder <i>Henry 14 M.W.</i>
34. Raymond Stoll <i>Victor 14 S.W.</i>	Evelyn Wagler <i>Victor 26 S.E.</i>
35. Lewis Graber <i>William 27 S.E.</i>	Verda Graber <i>William R. 19 S.E.</i>
36. Abraham K. Graber <i>William 27 S.E.</i>	Deliah Wagler <i>Joseph J. 36 S.E.</i>
36. Joseph J. Wagler <i>John J. dec.</i>	Rachel Wagler <i>Joel dec.</i>
37. Ezra Lengacher <i>Victor 27 S.E.</i>	Rosa Wagler <i>Amos dec.</i>
38. Joseph Stoll <i>David 15 S.E.</i>	Sarah Catherine Knepp <i>Harvey 24 M.N.</i>

SOUTH WEST DISTRICT

1. Lester Marner <i>Ralph 14 N.E.</i>	Sylvia Lengacher <i>Joseph 19 S.W.</i>
2. John W. Knepp <i>Martin 21 N.W.</i>	Viola Graber <i>Nicklaus R. 37 S.E.</i>
3. David Wittmer <i>Jacob dec.</i>	Kate Stoll <i>Amos dec.</i>
3. Mary Ann Stoll <i>Amos dec.</i>	
4. M. Homer Stoll <i>Frank dec.</i>	Lena Stoll <i>Amos dec.</i>
4. William A. Graber <i>Amos 27 M.N.</i>	Lillie Stoll <i>Homer 8 S.W.</i>
5. Jerome Raber <i>Joseph dec.</i>	Naomi Wagler <i>David 4 S.E.</i>
5. Floyd Raber <i>Jerome 5 S.W.</i>	Mary Margaret Knepp <i>Abraham 35 N.E.</i>
6. Elmer Knepp <i>Levi dec.</i>	Viola Stoll <i>Homer 4 S.W.</i>
7. Melvin Stoll <i>Homer 4 S.W.</i>	Frances Lengacher <i>Ezra 37 S.E.</i>
8. Raymond Knepp <i>Martin 27 M.W.</i>	Verda Knepp <i>John 33 S.W.</i>
9. John Stoll <i>John dec.</i>	Lydia Wittmer <i>Jacob dec.</i>
10. Arthur Wagler <i>John J. dec.</i>	Alta Knepp <i>Martin 27 M.W.</i>
11. Joseph Wagler <i>David 4 S.E.</i>	Magdalena Wagler <i>Joseph K. dec.</i>
12. Herbert Raber <i>Joseph dec.</i>	Geneva Wittmer <i>Fannie Raber 12 S.W.</i>
12. Fannie Raber <i>Jacob Yoder dec.</i>	John Wittmer <i>dec. Joseph Raber dec.</i>
13. Eliza Wagler <i>Benj. Schrock dec.</i>	Eli Wagler <i>dec.</i>
13. B. Benjamin E. Wagler <i>Eliza 13 S.W.</i>	Mary Graber <i>Noah dec.</i>
14. Victor Stoll <i>Peter dec.</i>	Lydia Wittmer <i>Jacob dec.</i>

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| 14. Fred Graber William 27 S.E. ----- | Lillie Stoll Victor 14 S.W. |
| 15. Cletdus Swartzentruber Amanda Loogootee R. 2 -- | Clara Stoll Victor 14 S.W. |
| 16. Melvin Knepp Martin 27 M.W. ----- | Wilma Graber William R. 19 S.E. |
| 17. M. Alva Raber Joseph dec. ----- | Lydia Raber Daniel dec. |
| 18. Leroy Knepp Amos 37 N.W. ----- | Mary Stoll Daniel 15 S.E. |
| 19. Joseph Lengacher Simon 16 M.N. ----- | Barbara Stoll Peter dec. |
| 20. B. Amos Wittmer Joseph dec. ----- | Mattie Graber Joe dec. |
| 21. Ora Stoll John 9 S.W. ----- | Anna Stoll Victor 14 S.W. |
| 22. Lewis Wagler Eli dec. ----- | Annabara Stoll Frank dec. |
| 23. Henry Raber Joseph dec. ----- | Lydia Lengacher Victor 27 S.E. |
| 24. Noah B. Wagler Benj. E. 13 S.W. ----- | Anna Marie Knepp Alvin 23 M.N. |
| 25. Herbert H. Raber Henry 23 S.W. ----- | Barbara Graber Henry 17 N.E. |
| 26. Mary Ann Beiler Peter Graber dec. ----- | Abraham Wagler dec. Rudy Beiler dec. |
| 27. Verda Wagler Mary Ann Beiler 26 S.W. ----- | Herman Wagler dec. |
| 28. Glen Lengacher Joseph 19 S.W. ----- | Verda Wagler Henry S. 9 S.E. |
| 29. Noah Miller Peter dec. ----- | Maggie Stoll Peter dec. |
| 30. Wilmer Knepp Samuel 5 N.W. ----- | Katie Wagler Francis 23 S.E. |
| 31. David V. Wagler Lewis 22 S.W. ----- | Anna Graber Caroline 36 S.W. |
| 32. Herald Lengacher Joseph 19 S.W. ----- | Mary Catherine Yoder Ezra 37 N.W. |
| 33. John Knepp John dec. ----- | Rachel Stoll John dec. |
| 34. D. Joel Knepp John dec. ----- | Lizzie Graber John dec. |
| 35. Leroy Stoll David 15 S.E. ----- | Rosa Knepp Samuel 5 M.W. |
| 36. Peter S. Wagler Amos dec. ----- | Irene Graber Caroline S. W. 36 |
| 36. Caroline Graber Samuel Lengacher dec. ----- | Peter P. Graber dec. |
| 37. Joseph H. Raber Henry 23 S.W. ----- | Rosamary Wagler Harry J. 15 N.W. |
| 38. Herman L. Graber Caroline 36 S.W. ----- | Rosa Wagler Mary J. 28 M.W. |
| 39. Ervin Knepp John 33 S.W. ----- | Lillie Wagler Elizabeth 22 M.W. |

MIDWEST DISTRICT

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| 1. Ora Yoder Henry 14 M.W. ----- | Ada Marie Lengacher Ezra 37 S.E. |
| 2. Lewis Stoll Frank dec. ----- | Ellen Wagler Elizabeth 22 M.W. |
| 3. Wilmer Wagler John Henry 5 M.W. ----- | Clara Graber Abraham 5 S.E. |
| 4. Harry Knepp Fred 20 M.W. ----- | Laura Stoll Virgil 9 M.W. |
| 4. Lester Wagler John Henry 5 M.W. ----- | Ida Mae Knepp Fred 20 M.W. |
| 5. John Henry Wagler Henry dec. ----- | Susie Knepp Samuel 5 M.W. |
| 5. Samuel Knepp Abraham dec. ----- | Rose Yoder Isaac dec. |
| 6. John Wagler Lewis 22 S.W. ----- | Martha Knepp Fred W. 26 M.W. |
| 7. Eugene Stoll Virgil 9 M.W. ----- | Mary Catherine Wagler Henry S. 9 S.E. |
| 8. M. Ora Knepp Anna 15 M.W. ----- | Corene Lengacher Victor 27 S.E. |
| 9. Mildred and Sarah Ellen Stoll Frank dec. ----- | |
| 9. Virgil Stoll Frank dec. ----- | Mary Yoder John L. Loogootee, Ind. Rt. 2 |
| 10. Joseph Stoll Frank dec. ----- | Alma Knepp Samuel 5 M.W. |
| 11. Lester Wittmer Noah 7 S.E. ----- | Anna Catherine Knepp Fred 20 M.W. |
| 12. Lewis Knepp Caroline 35 N.E. ----- | Lydia Diener Andy dec. |
| 12. Wilmer Knepp Lewis 12 M.W. ----- | Anna Mae Knepp Ora 8 M.W. |
| 12. Lydia Blucker William dec. ----- | |
| 13. Leah Knepp Joseph Wagler dec. ----- | Levi Knepp dec. |
| 13. Paul Knepp Fred W. 26 M.W. ----- | Martha Lengacher Henry 26 M.N. |
| 14. Alva Yoder Henry 14 M.W. ----- | Katie Kemp Peter 27 N.E. |
| 14. Henry Yoder Jacob dec. ----- | Katie Lichty Hiram dec. |
| 15. Anna Knepp John Stoll dec. ----- | M. David Knepp dec. |
| 15. Alva Knepp Anna 15 M.W. ----- | Lillie Graber William 27 S.E. |
| 16. Enos Knepp Jacob dec. ----- | Susie Wagler John J. dec. |
| 17. Henry L. Knepp Mary 35 N.W. ----- | Rosa Graber Elias 3 S.E. |
| 18. John Graber William 27 S.E. ----- | Alta Stoll Homer 4 S.W. |
| 19. Jacob Miller Peter dec. ----- | Lucy Stoll Peter dec. |
| 20. Fred Knepp Abraham dec. ----- | Fannie Wittmer Jacob dec. |
| 21. Willis Knepp Martin 27 M.W. ----- | Nora Graber Joseph R. 24 S.E. |
| 21. Martin Knepp Abraham dec. ----- | Rosa Wittmer Jacob dec. |
| 22. D. Harvey Stoll Henry dec. ----- | Lizzie Wagler Elizabeth 22 M.W. |
| 22. Elizabeth Wagler Jacob Graber dec. ----- | Jacob Wagler dec. |
| 23. Samuel Raber John dec. ----- | Susan Graber dec. |
| 24. Emma and Lucy Schrock Daniel dec. ----- | |
| 25. Albert Knepp Jacob dec. ----- | Lydia Schrock Daniel dec. |
| 26. B. Fred W. Knepp Levi dec. ----- | Mary Wagler Elias 3 S.E. |
| 27. Homer Knepp John 33 S.W. ----- | Mary Wagler John J. dec. |
| 28. Mary K. Wagler Abraham Knepp dec. ----- | Peter Wagler dec. |
| 28. Henry Wagler Mary K. 28 M.W. ----- | Sarah Catherine Lengacher Ezra 37 S.E. |
| 29. William Knepp Mary 35 N.W. ----- | Lovina Knepp Homer 27 M.W. |

NORTH WEST DISTRICT

1. Benjamin Wittmer <i>Amos 20 S.W.</i> -----	Edith Graber <i>William 27 S.E.</i>
2. Noah Ernest Wagler <i>Victor 26 S.E.</i> -----	Pauline Graber <i>William 27 S.E.</i>
3. Francis Graber <i>William 27 S.E.</i> -----	Viola Knepp <i>John 33 S.W.</i>
4. John Yoder <i>Henry 14 M.W.</i> -----	Anna Wagler <i>Mary K. 28 M.W.</i>
5. Harry Graber <i>Levi E. 27 N.W.</i> -----	Rosemary Knepp <i>Martin 27. M.W.</i>
6. Enos Wagler <i>Lewis 22 S.W.</i> -----	Rosanna Stoll <i>Joel 23 N.E.</i>
7. Amos Raber <i>Henry 23 S.W.</i> -----	Leah Yoder <i>Ezra 37 N.W.</i>
8. Benjamin Knepp <i>Ora 8 M.W.</i> -----	Agnes Graber <i>Levi E. 27 N.W.</i>
9. Arthur Wagler <i>Harry J. 15 N.W.</i> -----	Fannie Margaret Raber <i>John 34 N.W.</i>
10. Chris Kemp <i>Samuel dec.</i> -----	Annie Wagler <i>Noah dec.</i>
11. Henry Jr. Lengacher <i>Henry 26 M.N.</i> -----	Margaret Yoder <i>Ezra 37 N.W.</i>
12. Lester Yoder <i>Ezra 37 N.W.</i> -----	Marie Raber <i>Henry 23 S.W.</i>
12. Samuel Yoder <i>Jacob dec.</i> -----	Maggie Graber <i>Joseph K. dec.</i>
13. Paul Graber <i>William 27 S.E.</i> -----	Rosa Graber <i>Amos 30 M.N.</i>
14. Fred Miller <i>Peter dec.</i> -----	Katie Knepp <i>Jacob dec.</i>
15. M. Harry J. Wagler <i>John J. dec.</i> -----	Lydia Stoll <i>Frank dec.</i>
16. Leroy Wagler <i>Harry J. 15 N.W.</i> -----	Mary Graber <i>Menno 17 M.N.</i>
17. Jerone Graber <i>Joel 25 N.W.</i> -----	Catherine Eicher <i>Peter 17 N.E.</i>
18. Lester B. Wagler <i>Benj. G. 24 N.W.</i> -----	Mary Eicher <i>Peter 17 N.E.</i>
19. Lewis Graber <i>Jackson dec.</i> -----	Mary Wagler <i>Elizabeth 22 M.W.</i>
20. Nicklaus Stoll <i>Joel 23 N.E.</i> -----	Martha Wagler <i>Benj. G. 24 N.W.</i>
21. B. Levi E. Graber <i>Amos S. dec.</i> -----	Alice Wagler <i>David 4 S.E.</i>
22. Amos R. Graber <i>John L. 17 N.E.</i> -----	Mary Raber <i>Joseph dec.</i>
22. Alva Graber <i>Amos R. 22 N.W.</i> -----	Fannie Mae Miller <i>Eli J. Smicksburg, Pa.</i>
23. Joseph Stoll <i>Amos R. 20 N.E.</i> -----	Rachel Graber <i>Lewis 19 N.W.</i>
24. D. Benjamin G. Wagler <i>John J. dec.</i> -----	Ida Raber <i>Joseph dec.</i>
25. Joel Graber <i>Mary 33 N.E.</i> -----	Maggie Raber <i>Joseph dec.</i>
26. Enos Graber <i>Joel 25 N.W.</i> -----	Anna Weaver <i>Benj. 13 N.E.</i>
27. Lewis W. Knepp <i>Levi dec.</i> -----	Mary Graber <i>Caroline 36 S.W.</i>
28. David Wagler <i>Noah L. 36 N.W.</i> -----	Ester Wagler <i>Benj. E. 13 S.W.</i>
29. Ervin Raber <i>John 34 N.W.</i> -----	Lydia Eicher <i>Peter 17 N.E.</i>
30. Willis Wagler <i>Henry S. 9 S.E.</i> -----	Rachel Wagler <i>Katie L. 30 N.W.</i>
30. Katie L. Wagler <i>Jacob Wittmer dec.</i> -----	M. John Wagler <i>dec.</i>
31. Amos Knepp <i>Jacob dec.</i> -----	Lizzie Wagler <i>Daniel dec.</i>
32. Abraham Knepp <i>Mary 35 N.W.</i> -----	Wilma Stoll <i>David 15 S.E.</i>
33. Paul Joe Wagler <i>Alvin C. 7 S.E.</i> -----	Rosemary Knepp <i>Mary 35 N.W.</i>
34. John Raber <i>Joseph dec.</i> -----	Sarah Graber <i>Elias 3 S.E.</i>
35. Mary Knepp <i>Amos Wagler dec.</i> -----	William Knepp <i>dec.</i>
35. Elmer Knepp <i>Mary 35 N.W.</i> -----	Elvina Graber <i>Lewis 19 N.W.</i>
36. Noah L. Wagler <i>Joseph K. dec.</i> -----	Fannie Raber <i>Joseph Hicksville, Ohio</i>
37. Ezra Yoder <i>Samuel 12 N.W.</i> -----	Anna Wagler <i>Daniel dec.</i>
38. John Wagler <i>Katie L. 30 N.W.</i> -----	Betty Graber <i>Lewis 19 N.W.</i>
39. Wallace Wagler <i>Joseph 17 S.W.</i> -----	Leah Knepp <i>Amos 31 N.W.</i>
40. Amanda Stoll <i>Jacob Gingerich dec.</i> -----	John Stoll <i>dec.</i>

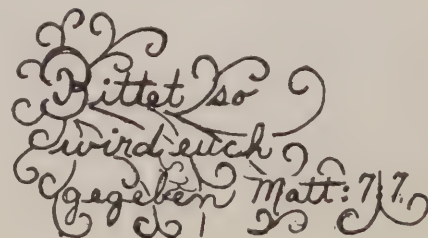
MIDNORTH DISTRICT

1. Raymond Wagler <i>Harry J. 15 N.W.</i> -----	Malinda Weaver <i>Benj. 13 N.E.</i>
2. Willie Graber <i>Joseph L. 10 M.N.</i> -----	Susie Wagler <i>Levi J. 8 S.E.</i>
3. Joseph Lengacher <i>Joseph 19 S.W.</i> -----	Margaret Graber <i>Amos R. 22 N.W.</i>
4. Ora Graber <i>Amos A. M.N. 27</i> -----	Mary Graber <i>Amos R. 22 N.W.</i>
5. Cletus Wagler <i>Peter S. 36 S.W.</i> -----	Katie Stoll <i>Joel 23 N.E.</i>
6. John Stoll <i>Joel 23 N.E.</i> -----	Ida Mae Graber <i>Nick R. 31 S.E.</i>
7. Levi Stoll <i>Joel 23 N.E.</i> -----	Pauline Graber <i>Nick R. 31 S.E.</i>
8. Levi Weaver <i>Benj. 13 N.E.</i> -----	Mary Graber <i>Noah Jr. 19 M.N.</i>
9. Henry M. Graber <i>Menno 17 M.N.</i> -----	Vera Wagler <i>Benj. G. 24 N.W.</i>
10. B. Joseph L. Graber <i>John L. 17 N.E.</i> -----	Martha Raber <i>Joseph dec.</i>
11. Menno Graber <i>John L. 17 N.E.</i> -----	Ester Gingerich <i>Mary Montgomery Rt. 1#</i>
12. Joseph Graber <i>Joel 25 N.W.</i> -----	Rachel Stoll <i>Joel 23 N.E.</i>
13. Ezra Graber <i>Amos R. 22 N.W.</i> -----	Ester Wagler <i>Adel 25 M.N.</i>
14. David M. Graber <i>Menno 17 M.N.</i> -----	Corene Raber <i>Henry 23 S.W.</i>
15. Benjamin Graber <i>Joseph L. 10 M.N.</i> -----	Lovina Wagler <i>Levi J. 8 S.E.</i>
16. David E. Wagler <i>Eli dec.</i> -----	Mary Lengacher <i>Simon 16 M.N.</i>
16. Simon Lengacher <i>Samuel dec.</i> -----	Katie Graber <i>Joe dec.</i>
16. Eli Wagler <i>Noah E. 31 N.E.</i> -----	Diane Graber <i>Francis 3 N.W.</i>
17. Jacob Graber <i>Noah Jr. 19 M.N.</i> -----	Naomi Miller <i>Fred 14 N.W.</i>
18. David Raber <i>Joseph Hicksville, Ohio</i> -----	Sylvia Knepp <i>Mary 35 N.W.</i>
19. Noah Graber <i>Jr. Mary 33 N.E.</i> -----	Sarah Graber <i>Amos S. dec.</i>
20. Ora W. Knepp <i>Mary 35 N.W.</i> -----	Rachel Lengacher <i>Henry 26 M.N.</i>
21. M. Amos A. Graber <i>Amos 30 M.N.</i> -----	Mildred Graber <i>William 27 S.E.</i>

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| 22. Samuel Jr. Knepp <i>Samuel 5 M.W.</i> ----- | Naomi Knepp <i>Arthur Montgomery, Rt. 7#</i> |
| 23. Alvin Knepp <i>Jacob dec.</i> ----- | Mary Wagler <i>Jonas dec.</i> |
| 24. Harvey Knepp <i>Jacob dec.</i> ----- | Lydia Wagler <i>Jonas dec.</i> |
| 25. Eli Knepp <i>Fred W. 26 M.W.</i> ----- | Fannie Wagler <i>Adel 25 M.N.</i> |
| 25. Adel Wagler <i>Amos S. Graber dec.</i> ----- | Fred Wagler <i>dec.</i> |
| 26. Henry Lengacher <i>Simon 16 M.N.</i> ----- | Sarah Wagler <i>Jonas dec.</i> |
| 27. Henry Graber <i>Joseph R. 24 S.E.</i> ----- | Catherine Graber <i>Levi E. 27 N.W.</i> |
| 28. Amos W. Knepp <i>Mary 35 N.W.</i> ----- | Margaret Graber <i>Elias 3 S.E.</i> |
| 29. Mahlon Wagler <i>Menno Hartville, Ohio</i> ----- | Rachel Graber <i>Elias 3 S.E.</i> |
| 30. D. Benjamin Graber <i>Amos 30 M.N.</i> ----- | Margaret Knepp <i>Levi dec.</i> |
| 30. Amos Graber <i>Jacob dec.</i> ----- | Anna Graber <i>dec.</i> |
| 31. Menno Raber <i>Daniel dec.</i> ----- | Fannie Knepp <i>Samuel 5 M.W.</i> |
| 31. Agnes Raber <i>Daniel dec.</i> ----- | |
| 32. John D. Wagler <i>Levi J. 8 S.E.</i> ----- | Rosanna Graber <i>Amos A. 27 M.N.</i> |
| 33. Ezra H. Lengacher <i>Henry 26 M.N.</i> ----- | Sarah Raber <i>Henry 23 S.W.</i> |
| 34. Levi Wagler Jr. <i>Levi J. 8 S.E.</i> ----- | Lydia Graber <i>Nick J. 22 N.E.</i> |

NORTH EAST DISTRICT

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| 1. John Graber <i>Joseph L. 10 M.N.</i> ----- | Lydia Wagler <i>Levi J. 8 S.E.</i> |
| 2. M. Ora Lengacher <i>Ezra 37 S.E.</i> ----- | Ida Graber <i>Joseph L. M.N. 10</i> |
| 3. Enos L. Wagler <i>Levi J. 8 S.E.</i> ----- | Viola Graber <i>Joseph L. 10 M.N.</i> |
| 4. Simon Wagler <i>Levi J. 8 S.E.</i> ----- | Keturah Graber <i>Joseph L. 10 M.N.</i> |
| 5. Noah P. Wagler <i>Phoenix, Odon, Ind.</i> ----- | Caroline Schrock <i>Daniel dec.</i> |
| 6. Edwin Lengacher <i>Joseph 19 S.W.</i> ----- | Katie Wagler <i>Adel 25 M.N.</i> |
| 7. Willis Eicher <i>Peter 11 N.E.</i> ----- | Barbara Ann Graber <i>Amos R. 22 N.W.</i> |
| 8. John Weaver <i>Benj. 13 N.E.</i> ----- | Elizabeth Graber <i>Noah Jr. 19 M.N.</i> |
| 9. Jacob Knepp <i>Harry 24 M.N.</i> ----- | Rosanna Marner <i>Ralph 14 N.E.</i> |
| 10. Marvin Eicher <i>Peter 11 N.E.</i> ----- | Fannie Wagler <i>Noah E. 31 N.E.</i> |
| 11. M. Peter Eicher <i>Lena 14 N.E.</i> ----- | Susie Miller <i>Jacob dec.</i> |
| 12. Lewis Wagler <i>Lewis 22 S.W.</i> ----- | Lydia Wagler <i>Adel 25 M.N.</i> |
| 13. Benjamin Weaver <i>John Holmes Co. Ohio</i> ----- | Mattie Miller <i>dec.</i> |
| 14. Ralph Marner <i>Jacob 18 N.E.</i> ----- | Katie Eicher <i>Lena 14 N.E.</i> |
| 14. Lena Eicher <i>John Raber dec.</i> ----- | Samuel Eicher <i>dec.</i> |
| 14. John Marner <i>Ralph 14 N.E.</i> ----- | Betty Jean Lengacher <i>Joseph 19 S.W.</i> |
| 15. John N. Graber <i>Nick J. 22 N.E.</i> ----- | Elizabeth Graber <i>Joel 25 N.W.</i> |
| 16. Daniel H. Graber <i>Henry 17 N.E.</i> ----- | Ruth Graber <i>Nick R. 31 S.E.</i> |
| 17. Henry Graber <i>John L. 17 N.E.</i> ----- | Amanda Raber <i>Daniel dec.</i> |
| 17. B. John L. Graber <i>Amos dec.</i> ----- | Barbara Graber <i>Joe dec.</i> |
| 18. Jacob Marner <i>John dec.</i> ----- | Mary Eicher <i>Lena 14 N.E.</i> |
| 18. Daniel Marner <i>Jacob 18 N.E.</i> ----- | Martha Eicher <i>Lena 14 N.E.</i> |
| 19. Amos J. Stoll <i>Joel 23 N.E.</i> ----- | Katie Weaver <i>Benj. 13 N.E.</i> |
| 20. Amos R. Stoll <i>Samuel dec.</i> ----- | Lizzie Graber <i>Mary 33 N.E.</i> |
| 21. Howard Wagler <i>Francis 23 S.E.</i> ----- | Fannie Graber <i>Joseph L. 10 M.N.</i> |
| 22. Nicklaus J. Graber <i>John L. 17 N.E.</i> ----- | Katie Rischer <i>John dec.</i> |
| 23. Joel Stoll <i>Samuel dec.</i> ----- | Fannie Graber <i>John L. 17 N.E.</i> |
| 24. Enos N. Graber <i>Nick J. 22 N.E.</i> ----- | Mary Wagler <i>Noah E. 31 N.E.</i> |
| 25. Leroy Kemp <i>Peter 27 N.E.</i> ----- | Mary Jane Wagler <i>Alvin C. 7 S.E.</i> |
| 26. Amos Kemp <i>Peter 27 N.E.</i> ----- | Naomi Wittmer <i>Noah 7 S.E.</i> |
| 27. Peter Kemp <i>Samuel dec.</i> ----- | Mary Rischer <i>John dec.</i> |
| 28. Joseph Kemp <i>Peter 27 N.E.</i> ----- | Barbara Stoll <i>Joel 23 N.E.</i> |
| 29. John Henry Kemp <i>Peter 27 N.E.</i> ----- | Ida Mae Wagler <i>Henry S. 9 S.E.</i> |
| 30. Richard Wittmer <i>Noah 7 S.E.</i> ----- | Lydia Ann Kemp <i>Peter 27 N.E.</i> |
| 31. Noah E. Wagler <i>Eliza 13 S.W.</i> ----- | Emma Graber <i>Mary 33 N.E.</i> |
| 32. Enos Graber <i>Mary 33 N.E.</i> ----- | Maggie Graber <i>William 27 S.E.</i> |
| 33. Mary Graber <i>Joe dec.</i> ----- | Samuel Graber <i>dec.</i> |
| 34. Peter Wagler <i>Peter S. 36 S.W.</i> ----- | Sylvia Stoll <i>David 15 S.E.</i> |
| 35. Caroline Knepp <i>Amos Graber dec.</i> ----- | Henry Knepp <i>dec.</i> |
| 35. Abraham Knepp <i>Caroline 35 NE</i> ----- | Viola Gingerich <i>Montgomery R1</i> |
| 36. Lovina Wagler <i>Peter Graber dec.</i> ----- | Peter Wagler <i>dec.</i> |
| 37. Francis Wagler <i>Francis 23 S.E.</i> ----- | Vera Knepp <i>Alvin 23 M.N.</i> |
| 38. David Stoll <i>Amos R. 20 N.E.</i> ----- | Fannie Graber <i>Lewis 19 N.W.</i> |
| 39. Fannie Kemp <i>John Briskey dec.</i> ----- | Joseph Kemp <i>dec.</i> |



BEILER

Mary Ann Beiler=Montgomery R1, SW26

BLUCKER

Lydia Blucker=Montgomery, MW12

EICHER

Lena Eicher=Loogootee R2, NE14

Marvin - Fannie Wagler=Loogootee R2, NE10

(M) Peter - Susie Miller=Loogootee R2, NE11

Willis - Barbara Graber=Loogootee R2, NE7

GRABER

Abraham K. - Deliah Wagler=Loogootee R2, SE36

Abraham - Mildred Knepp=Loogootee R2, SE5

Alva - Fannie Mae Miller=Montgomery R1, NW22

Amos - Anna Graber=Montgomery R1, MN30

Amos - Naomi Knepp=Montgomery R1, SE2

(M) Amos A. - Mildred Graber=Montgomery R1, MN21

Amos R. - Mary Raber=Montgomery R1, NW22

Benjamin - Lovina Wagler=Montgomery R1, MN15

(D) Benjamin - Margaret Knepp=Montgomery, MN30

Caroline Graber=Montgomery R1, SW36

Daniel - Laura Wagler=Loogootee R2, SE22

Daniel H. - Ruth Graber=Montgomery R1, NE16 (B)

David - Rosanna Yoder=Loogootee R2, SE33

David M. - Corene Raber=Montgomery R1, MN14

Elias - Fannie Graber=Montgomery R1, SE3

Enos - Maggie Graber=Loogootee R2, NE32

Enos - Anna Weaver=Montgomery R1, NW26

Enos N. - Mary Wagler=Loogootee R2, NE24

Ezra - Esther Wagler=Montgomery R1, MN13

Floyd - Sylvia Wagler=Loogootee R2, SE9

Francis - Viola Knepp=Odon R1, NW3

Fred - Lillie Stoll=Montgomery R1, SW14

Glen - Beulah Graber=Montgomery R1, SE19

Harvey - Leah Wagler=Loogootee R2, SE29

Harry - Rosemary Knepp=Odon R1, NW5

Henry - Catherine Graber=Montgomery R1, MN27

Henry - Amanda Raber=Montgomery R1, NE17

Henry M. - Vera Wagler=Odon R1, MN9

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Jacob - Naomi Miller=Montgomery R1, MN17

Jerome - Catherine Eicher=Odon R1, NW17

Joel - Maggie Raber=Montgomery R1, NW25

John - Alta Stoll=Montgomery, MW18

John - Lydia Wagler=Odon R1, NE1

(B) John L. - Barbara Graber=Montgomery R1, NE17

John N. - Elizabeth Graber=Loogootee R2, NE15

Joseph - Rachel Stoll=Montgomery R1, MN12

(B) Joseph L. - Martha Raber=Odon R1, MN10

Joseph R. - Lydia Graber=Loogootee R2, SE24

(B) Levi E. - Alice Wagler=Montgomery R1, NW21

Lewis - Verda Graber=Loogootee R2, SE35

Lewis - Mary Wagler=Odon R1, NW19

Mary Graber=Loogootee R2, NE33

Menno - Esther Gingerich=Odon R1, MN11

Nicklaus J. - Katie Rischer=Loogootee R2, NE22

Nicklaus R. - Ida Graber=Loogootee R2, SE31

Noah Jr. - Sarah Graber=Montgomery R1, MN19

Ora - Mary Graber=Odon R1, MN4

Paul - Rosa Graber=Odon R1, NW13

Raymond - Martha Graber=Loogootee R2, SE32

Simon R. - Katie Rabe=Loogootee R2, SE25

(B) William - Leah Knepp=Loogootee R2, SE27

William A. - Lillie Stoll=Montgomery R1, SW4

William R. - Ida Wagler=Loogootee R2, SE19

Willie - Margaret Yoder=Loogootee R2, SE11

Willie - Susie Wagler=Odon R1, MN2

KEMP

Amos - Naomi Wittmer=Loogootee R2, NE26

Chris - Annie Wagler=Odon R1, NW10

Fannie Kemp=Montgomery R1, NE39

John Henry - Ida Mae Wagler=Loogootee R2, NE29

KEMP(Continued)

Joseph - Barbara Stoll=Loogootee R2, NE28

Leroy - Mary Jane Wagler=Loogootee R2, NE25

Peter - Mary Rischer=Loogootee R2, NE27

KNEPP

Abraham - Viola Gingerich=Loogootee R2, NE35

Abraham - Wilma Stoll=Montgomery R1, NW32

Albert - Lydia Schrock=Montgomery R1, MW25

Alva - Lillie Graber=Montgomery R1, MW15

Alvin - Mary Wagler=Montgomery R1, MN23

Amos - Lizzie Wagler=Montgomery R1, NW31

Amos W. - Margaret Graber=Montg. R1, MN28

Anna Knepp=Montgomery R1, MW15

Benjamin - Agnes Graber=Odon R1, NW8

Caroline Knepp=Loogootee R2, NE35

Eli - Fannie Wagler=Loogootee R2, MN25

Elmer - Elvina Graber=Montgomery R1, NW35

Elmer - Viola Stoll=Montgomery R1, SW6

Enos - Susie Wagler=Montgomery R1, MW16

Ervin - Lillie Wagler=Montg. R1, SW39

Fred - Fannie Wittmer=Montg. R1, MW20

(B) Fred - Mary Graber=Montgomery R1, MW26

Harry - Laura Stoll=Montgomery R1, MW4

Harvey - Lydia Wagler=Montg. R1, MN24

Henry L. - Rosa Graber=Montg. R1, MW11

Homer - Mary Wagler=Montgomery R1, MW27

Jacob - Rosanna Marner=Loog. R2, NE9

(D) Joel - Lizzie Graber=Montgomery R1, SW34

John - Rachel Stoll=Montgomery R1, SW33

John W. - Viola Graber=Montg. R1, SW2

Joseph - Viola Lengacher=Loogootee R2, SE20

Leah Knepp=Montgomery R1, MW13

Leroy - Mary Stoll=Montgomery R1, SW18

Lewis - Lydia Diener=Montg. R1, MW12

Lewis W. - Mary Graber=Montg. R1, NW27

Mary Knepp=Montgomery R1, NW35

Martin - Rosa Wittmer=Montgomery R1, MW21

Melvin - Wilma Graber=Montgomery R1, SW16

Ora - Corene Lengacher=Montg. R1, MW8

Ora W. - Rachel Lengacher=Montg. R1, MN20

Paul - Martha Lengacher=Montg. R1, MW13

Raymond - Verda Knepp=Montgomery R1, SW8

Samuel Jr. - Naomi Knepp=Montg. R1, MN22

Samuel - Rose Yoder=Montgomery R1, MW5

William - Lovina Knepp=Montg. R1, MW29

Willis - Nora Graber=Montgomery R1, MW21

Wilmer - Anna Mae Knepp=Montg. R1, MW12

Wilmer - Katie Wagler=Washington R1, SW30

LENGACHER

Edwin - Katie Wagler=Odon R1, NE6

Ezra - Rosa Wagler=Montgomery R1, SE37

Ezra H. - Sarah Raber=Loogootee R2, MN39

Glenn - Verda Wagler=Montg. R1, SW28

Henry - Sarah Wagler=Loogootee R2, MN26

Henry Jr. - Margaret Yoder=Odon R1, NW11

Herald - Mary Catherine Yoder=Montgomery R1, SW32

Joseph - Barbara Stoll=Montgomery R1, SW19

Joseph Jr. - Margaret Graber=Plainville R1, NW11

(M) Ora - Ida Graber=Odon R1, NE2

Simon - Karie Graber=Odon R1, MN16

Victor - Lydia Wagler=Loogootee R2, SE30

Victor - Sarah Wagler=Loogootee R2, SE21

MARNER

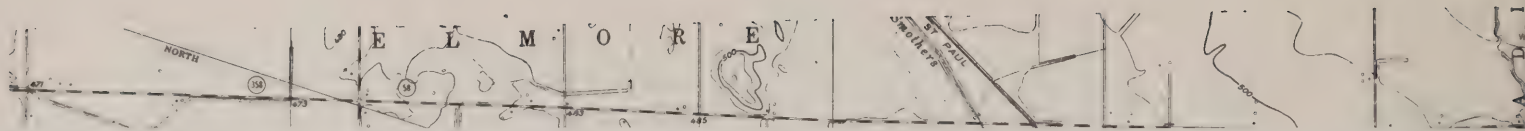
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John - Betty Lengacher=Loog. R2, NE14

Lester - Sylvia Lengacher=Montg. R1, SW1

Ralph - Katie Eicher=Loogootee R2, NE14



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CHURCH DIST. MAP

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School Houses

1. North Bogard
2. South Bogard
3. Parsons
4. South East Center
5. Green Acres



MILLER

Fred - Katie Knepp=Odon R1, NW14
 Jacob - Lucy Stoll=Montgomery R1, MW19
 Noah - Maggie Stoll=Montg. R1, SW29

RABER

Agnes Raber=Montgomery R1, MN31
 (M)Alva - Lydia Raber=Montgomery R1, SW17
 Amos - Leah Yoder=Plainville R1, NW7
 David - Sylvia Knepp=Montg. R1, MN18
 Ervin - Lydia Eicher=Montg. R1, NW29
 Fannie Raber=Montgomery R1, SW12
 Floyd - Mary Knepp=MontgomeryR1,SW5
 Henry - Lydia Lengacher=Mont. R1, SW23
 Herbert - Geneva Wittmer= Mont.R1,SW12
 Herbert H. - Barbara Graber=Mont.R1,SW25
 John - Sarah Graber=Montgomery R1, NW34
 John H. - Rosa Wagler=LoogooteeR2, SE14
 Joseph H. - Rosemary Wagler=Mont.R1,SW37
 Menno - Fannie Knepp=MontgomeryR1, MN31
 Samuel - Susan Graber=Montg. R1, MW23
 Jerome - Naomi Wagler=Montg. R1, SW5

SCHROCK

Emma and Lucy Schrock=Montg. R1, MW24

STOLL

Amanda Stoll =Odon R1, NW40
 Amos J. - Katie Weaver=LoogooteeR2,NE19
 Amos R. - Lizzie Graber=Loog. R2, NE20
 David - Fannie Graber=Loog. R2, NE38
 David - Katie Wagler=MontgomeryR1, SE15
 Eugene - Mary Catherine Wagler=
 Montgomery R1, MW7
 (D)Harvey - Lizzie Wagler=Montg. R1, MW22
 (M)Homer - Lena Stoll=Montgomery R1, SW4
 Joel - Fannie Graber=LoogooteeR2, NE23
 John - Lydia Wittmer=MontgomeryR1,SW9
 John - Ida Mae Graber=Odon R1, MN6
 Joseph - Sarah Catherine Knepp
 =Loogootee R2, SE38
 Joseph - Alma Knepp=Montgomery R1,MW10
 Joseph - Rachel Graber=Odon R1, MW23
 Levi - Pauline Graber=Odon R1, MN7
 Leroy - Rosa Knepp=Montgomery R1, SW35
 Lewis - Ellen Wagler=Montg. R1, MW2
 Mary Ann Stoll=Montgomery R1, SW3
 Melvin - Frances Lengacher=Montg.R1,SW7
 Mildred and Sarah Ellen Stoll=Mont. MW9
 Nicklaus - Martha Wagler=Odon R1, NW20
 Ora - Anna Stoll=Montgomery R1, SW21
 (M)Paul - Marie Lengacher =Loogootee R2, SE21
 Raymond - Evelyn Wagler=Montg. R1, SE34
 Virgil - Mary Yoder=Montgomery R1, MW9
 Victor - Lydia Wittmer=Montg. R1, SW14
 SWARTZENTRUBER
 Cletus - Clara Stoll=MontgomeryR1,SW15
 WAGLER
 Adel Wagler=Loogootee R2, MN25
 Alva E. - Fannie Yoder=MontgomeryR1,SE16
 Alvin C. Mary Wittmer=Montgomery R1,SE1
 Amos - Susanna Graber=Loogootee R2, 27
 Arthur - Alta Knepp = Montgomery R1, SW10
 Arthur - Fannie Margaret Raber=Odon,NW9
 (B)Benjamin E. - Mary Graber=Montg. R1,SW13
 (D)Benjamin G. - Ida Raber=Odon R1, NW24
 Cletus - Katie Stoll=Odon R1, MN5
 David V. - Anna Graber=MontgomeryR1,SW31
 David - Ester Wagler=Montgomery R1, NW28
 David - Katie Graber=Loogootee R2, SE4
 David E. - Mary Lengacher=Montg. R1,MN16
 Eli - Diane Graber=Montgomery R1, MN 16
 Eliza Wagler=Montgomery R1, SW13
 Elizabeth Wagler=Montgomery R1, MW22

WAGLER(Continued)

Enos - Rosanna Stoll=Odon R1, NW6
 Enos L. - Viola Graber=Odon R1, NE3
 Francis - Fannie Lengacher =Loogootee R2, SE23
 Francis Jr. - Vera Knepp=Loogootee R2, NE37
 Glen - Ida Knepp=Loogootee R2, SE4
 (M)Harry J. - Lydia Stoll=Odon R1, NW15
 Henry - Sarah Lengacher=MontgomeryR1,MW28
 Henry - Viola Knepp=Montgomery R1, SE3
 Henry S. - Katie Wagler=LoogooteeR2,SE9
 Herman - Pauline Knepp=Loogootee R2,SE9
 Howard - Fannie Graber=Loogootee R2,NE21
 John - Martha Knepp=Montgomery R1, MW6
 John - Betty Graber=Montgomery R1, NW38
 John E. - Ida Mae Stoll =Loogootee R2, SE17
 John Henry - Susie Knepp=Montg.R1, MW5
 John L. - Rosanna Graber=LoogooteeR2,MN32
 Joseph - Magdalena Wagler=Montg. R1, SW11
 Joseph H. - Ada Marie Stoll=Loog. R2,SE10
 Joseph J. - Rachel Wagler =Loogootee R2, SE36
 Katie L. Wagler=Montgomery R1, NW30
 Leroy - Mary Graber=Odon R1, NW16
 Lester - Ida Mae Knepp=Montg. R1, MW4
 Lester B. - Mary Eicher=Montg. R1, NW18
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 Levi Jr. - Lydia Graber=LoogooteeR2,MN34
 Lewis - Annabara Stoll=Montg. R1, SW22
 Lewis Jr. -Lydia Wagler=LoogooteeR2,NE12
 Lovina Wagler=Loogootee R2, NE36
 Mahlon - Rachel Graber=Montgomery R1,MN29
 Martha Wagler =Loogootee R2, SE16
 Mary K. Wagler=Montgomery R1, MW28
 Melvin - Ida Mae Stoll=Loogootee R2, SE13
 Nicklaus - Adaline =Loogootee R2, SE18
 Noah B. - Anna Marie Knepp=Montg. R1,SW24
 Noah E. - Emma Graber=Loogootee R2, NE31
 Noah Ernest - Pauline Graber=Odon R1,NW2
 Noah L.-Fannie Raber=Montgomery R1, NW36
 Noah P. - Caroline Schrock=Odon R1, NE5
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 Paul Joe - Rosa Mary Knepp=Montg. R1,NW33
 Peter Jr. - Sylvia Stoll=LoogooteeR2,NE34
 Peter S. - Irene Graber=Montg. R1, SW36
 Raymond -Malinda Weaver=Odon R1, MN1
 Sarah Wagler=Montgomery R1, SE7
 Simon - Keturah Graber=Odon R1, NE4
 Verda Wagler=Montgomery R1, SW27
 Victor - Anna Kemp = Loogootee R2, SE26
 Wallace - Leah Knepp=Montgomery R1,NW39
 Willis - Rachel Wagler=Montg. R1, NW30
 Wilmer - Clara Graber=MontgomeryR1,MW3
 WEAVER
 Benjamin - Mattie Miller=Montg. R1, NE13
 John - Elizabeth Graber=Loogootee R2,NE8
 Levi - Mary Graber=Odon R1, MN8
 WITTMER
 (B)Amos - Mattie Graber=Montgomery R1, SW20
 Benjamin - Edith Graber=Odon R1, NW1
 David - Kate Stoll=Montgomery R1, SW3
 Herald - Pauline Knepp=Montg. R1, SE6
 Lester - Anna Knepp=MontgomeryR1, MW11
 Noah - Rosa Wagler=Montgomery R1, SE7
 Richard - Lydia Ann Kemp=LoogooteeR2,NE30
 YODER
 Alva - Katie Kemp = Montgomery R1, MW14
 Ezra - Anna Wagler=Montgomery R1, NW37
 Henry - Katie Lichty=Montg. R1, MW14
 John - Anna Wagler=Odon R1, NW4
 Lester - Marie Raber=Plainville R1, NW12
 Ora - Ada Marie Lengacher=Montg. MW1
 Raymond - Leota Knepp=Loogootee R2, SE12
 Samuel - Maggie Graber=Plainville R1,NW12

financially through long hard hours of labor and careful management. The Annual income was small but so were the expenses. Most of the needs and wants were supplied by home-made and home-grown products. With the exception of certain staples such as sugar, salt, and spices, a farm was practically self-sufficient.

Most of the groceries were purchased in the nearby towns of Loogootee, Montgomery, and Odon. Since a farmer often lacked ready cash a system of bartering was improvised. Eggs, chickens, or other farm products were often exchanged at the store for the necessary groceries. When the value of produce brought in from the farm did not match the value of the items purchased, as was frequently the case, the store keeper obligingly handed the customer a ticket on which was stated the surplus or deficit. The trip to town after supplies was always a gay occasion whenever the children were allowed to go along. The trip was usually made in the big wagon pulled by a team of draft horses. One man related how chickens were tied together and placed close to the feet and legs of the children to keep them warm if the ride was in winter. It was with a wagon and team that hogs were taken to market, too, to be replaced by groceries on the return trip. Sometimes when coal oil (kerosene) was brought home with the groceries in the bumpy wagon, the family would be reminded of the fact every time they had occasion to use the groceries.

It is commonly thought today that the winters of fifty or a hundred years ago were much more severe on the average than they now are. The following excerpt taken from the January 21 issue of the Washington Gazette of 1893 would tend to prove and illustrate this supposition.

The Cold Snap

People are crossing the Ohio River at Louisville in sleighs on the ice, which is becoming thicker every day, and nothing short of a big thaw and a consequent rise of several feet in the river will move the ice, which is now almost solid from Evansville to a point fifty miles above Cincinnati. A break is not expected for two weeks at least, but when it does come there is a good prospect for unprecedented scenes of destruction on the banks of the river. In addition to the volume of water which the snow in the Ohio Valley and at the headwaters would produce, there are several hundred miles of solid ice ranging from one to fifteen feet in thickness.

The statement above regarding the thickness of the ice is almost inconceivable, and it may be that an error occurred and that the ice was a mere fifteen inches in thickness. Nevertheless, the weather described in this news article has not been equaled in recent years.

The winter of 1918-1919 was an unusually severe one. One snowy week was followed by another, the snow drifted heavily in places, and finally the fences were completely hidden by drifts in spots. The cottontail rabbits did not all have holes in which to hibernate until the winter was past, as those in more northerly climes have. Wholly unprepared for snow of long duration, many made the best of the situation by burrowing into the snow for shelter. However, they were not entirely safe even in this position as many were rudely disrupted from their temporary abodes by eager lads wading through the deep snow in search of bunnies.

The rabbits were not the only ones handicapped by the snow. On one occasion two young men enroute to Montgomery with a sled and horse had to get out and shovel a path through the worst drifts in order to make any progress. And then there was the case of Montezuma, a tramp of singular qualities. His real name is not known to the writer but he was popularly christened Montezuma. The two most extraordinary of his many extraordinary traits were his great size and his great capacity. Montezuma made a practice of eating everything on the table, even to the last bit of molasses and applebutter. Estimates of his size center around three hundred pounds as his probable weight. One day after having eaten a full-course meal, he started out for the next farm down the road so as to be there in time for the next full-course meal. Unfortunately, as he puffed along through the snow he was confronted by a rather deep drift, and ere long he was hopelessly floundering about in the midst of it, unable to extricate his great bulk from the snow. What his fate might have been had not a neighbor passed that way just then is left to the imagination. A path was soon shovelled clear for the stranded man to escape. Ever since that day people have chuckled when the account of the tramp stuck in the snowdrift has been related.

Today we accept rural free delivery of mail for granted, but not so many years ago residents of rural communities had to go to the nearest post office for their mail. It is worthy of note that one of the first R.F.D. carriers of Daviess County was Henry Graber, the son of Ephraim Graber, who for many years delivered the post for Montgomery R.R. #1. For the first few years Henry delivered the mail with a team of ponies. Later, after the automobile had made a successful debut he purchased one, a BRUSH model. This was one of the first cars to be seen along the rural roads of Daviess County and it didn't always perform its duty as faithfully as had the ponies. Whenever the roads were muddy, Henry reverted to riding a horse along the route. Mud and motor trouble were not the only obstacles the automobile had to face. Along the route there was one short but steep hill that was just too much for the sputtering Brush to conquer in forward gear. It was a common sight to see the mailman approach the hill, turn the car around, and proceed to back up

the hill. This was a standard practice until later models were built in view of the fact that less time was required to drive over the hills without turning around. Mailboxes in front of each residence or at the end of each lane at first seemed strange, and it was thought necessary to lock one's box, by all means. Each box was equipped with a separate lock which only the carrier and the owner could unlock. Whenever rain was followed by freezing weather the locks would freeze with ice. This did not long delay the postman who carried along a kerosene torch to defrost each lock in turn.

Farming was in many ways a slow and tedious undertaking. Take for instance the crop of corn. When a field was ready to be planted it was marked off into rows with a sled-like apparatus of four runners. Then in order to mark the location of each hill the marker was run across the field from side to side. The corn was then planted with a hand-operated planter or with a one-row horse-drawn planter. It was thought necessary to hoe corn by hand at least once.

Hay was all handled by pitchforks. The harvest of wheat and oats involved much labor, too. In the early years of the settlement some grain was still threshed by hand. Christian Lengacher, who had originally come from Switzerland, was adept at threshing with a hand flail. These flails are seldom seen today outside of museum walls. It is not difficult to imagine that the process of first flailing the grain out of the hulls, and then separating it from the chaff by pouring it from one container to another on a windy day was a slow one. However, very little of the grain was actually handled in this way in the history of the settlement; the more progressive farmers and those who raised grain on a larger scale threshed with oxen or horse-driven rigs. Jackson Knepp used one powered by oxen.

Later the steam engine successfully entered the scene and eventually all the threshing was done by steam power. Some of the first models were vertical steamers with the boiler on end instead of lying in a horizontal position as almost all later engines were made. Although the steam engine was a relatively new development, the Amish were not slow in using it. In fact, the first sawmill powered by steam in the county is believed to have been the one owned and operated by Bishops Joseph Wittmer and Jacob Graber.

While the subject of steam power is being discussed, mention should be made of a fatal accident that occurred in Daviess County about 1888. Although the victim, Mr. Narr, was not Amish-Mennonite, he was a resident of the community. The boiler of the steam engine he used with his sawmill exploded blowing pieces a great distance in every direction. Amos S. Graber, then a school boy in the third grade, says that he felt the shock of the explosion in the school house eighty rods distant.

There is no doubt that the steam engine merited a healthy respect. The power ordinarily used constructively, proved when out of control to be disastrously destructive. After the steam engine had been used for years almost all the farmers became familiar with their operation, but at first the majority were wholly ignorant of the internal workings of the snorting, hissing monster that was the steam engine. Jackson Knepp and his sons were usually among the first in experimenting with new mechanical wonders. One son, Joseph, was operating one of the first steamers used for threshing in the community while a crowd of men waiting for threshing to begin watched with interest. Of a sudden a steam cock broke and as the hissing billowing steam escaped, Knepp ran for a shovel to place in front of the steam so he could turn off the controls. As he ran the bystanders ran too, for their lives. They fully expected an explosion.

Steam was harnessed to sawmills and threshers. It also took the place of waterpower to run milling stones. The early settlers were accustomed to loading wheat or corn onto a wagon, driving to Shoals to have it ground by the water-powered mill there, and to return with the flour the following day. Then early in the new century John and Peter Stoll did custom milling nearer home. Using steam power to turn the crusher they ground grain for a modest charge, and if the customer could not pay in cash a toll consisting of a certain percent of the flour was retained as pay.

The settlers' diet included various items obtained directly from nature, without any labor except for harvesting. Among these products were two obtained from trees, maple syrup and nuts. The importance of these crops at the turn of the century can be shown by the following clippings from the Washington Gazette.

The Sugar Season

The flow of maple sap will soon begin in many sugar groves in Daviess County and it will not be long until fresh syrup will be on the local market. Many farmers are now preparing to open their sugar camps. It is fully predicted that the demand for brown sugar this season will be much less than usual and also that the price of maple syrup will go higher than ordinarily. Instead of \$1 to \$1.10 per gallon it is likely to be increased to \$1.50.

Crop Failure

The hickory nut crop in Daviess County is a failure. As a usual thing Daviess County holds her own in this product, but the long dry spell did its work. Early in the season the trees were covered with nuts and the biggest crop in years was expected. The first frost knocked the nuts from the trees and to all outward appearances they were as good as ever, but when cracked the kernels were found to be dried up. Walnuts and hazelnuts fared little better.

Public rural schools were common before the twentieth century but attendance was not compulsory. Therefore it follows that what book learning the average farm child got was obtained during the few short months of the winter when work on the farm was not pressing. A farm was a busy place and all the help that could be gotten from the children was needed to make ends meet and to support the large families. As for the early settlers themselves, practically all had a fair education in German, a few knew French, but almost none were well acquainted with English. Many had difficulty speaking it. Although they did their best to learn it their first love was to the mother tongue, German. In order that the teaching of German should not be neglected special German schools were held for Amish students. Emil Wagner, one of the few Amish who had not been born of Amish parents, taught German school. He was a Swiss immigrant and had married Elizabeth Graber, daughter of Daniel Graber. Wagner could never speak English more than haltingly.

Life was not always as easy as it is now, nor as pleasing. The conveniences of today have lessened the burdens of housekeeping, and the labor of farming a few acres. They have eased but rarely satisfied. The Amish, as a group, have always done without fashions and luxury, but even they would not care to return to the era of tallow candles and home-made soap, the cradle and the scythe. Truly we are reaping where others sowed. Others cracked the nut, and we eat it.

Births, Deaths, and Marriages

The first birth in the settlement was a son born to Bishop Jacob Graber and wife in 1870, named Amos R. Graber. He died in 1951.

The first marriage, that of Joseph Gingerich and Catherine Raver (Raber) in 1870, has already been mentioned. Other marriages, all performed by Bishop Jacob Graber, followed this one in lively succession. Evidently, many of the families had grown children when they moved to the new settlement.

This book deals largely with the lived of those who are no longer living. It is an effort to part the curtains of time, and to peer vaguely back through the dimness of years to a time gone by; to a time and a generation in many ways different from ours, yet strikingly similiar in others; to see a people no longer in the midst of the living live day by day, to see them strive to obtain their goals, to weep with them in their disappointments and sorrows, to rejoice with them in their hope for an inheritance in a better land than this. The door to the past has not been easy to open, for memory's lane is laden with errors. Indeed, it has been a task of gathering a fragment of evidence here and a strand there and knitting it together into the pattern of life that was our forefathers'. But having lived they died, and for that reason the following paragraphs are written.

Probably the first adult of the new settlement to die was Daniel Grabill, a pioneer settler. The wife of Daniel Grabill (nee Graber) lived to the age of over 101 years, dying in 1908 in Pike County, Indiana. Mrs. Grabill was an older sister of the Graber brothers, as she was born in 1806 while Bishop Jacob was born in 1821. There is reason to believe that the Grabills were the senior citizens of the young colony.

Although an occasional person reached a great age then as well as now, the life expectancy of people living fifty to seventy-five years ago was much lower than it is now. Probably the difference lies in the widespread use of the modern wonder drugs, more extensive medical knowledge, the prompt treatment of all accidents and illnesses, and the improved care of infants today. By looking through the newspapers of that time, one will notice the great number of untimely deaths although the number losing their lives would by no means compare with the wholesale butchery on the highways today. Many deaths then resulted from careless or improper treatment of wounds.

An example of this can be shown by the fate of Samuel Mast of the Odon community. As was often the case, he walked the many miles to church barefoot one Sunday morning. But on this particular morning he was bothered by a sore toe. There is a difference of opinion as to whether this was a fresh wound, or whether it was a reinfection of some earlier cut. It is known that Mast applied turpentine to his toe before leaving home in the morning. Arriving at his destination, he hurried to pump water over his toe which by this time was painning him severely after the bumps and dust of the walk. Mast never recovered from the injury to his toe; serious infection set in followed by gangrene, causing his death a short time later.

According to some of the older people of today, sudden deaths from heart attacks, etc. were very unusual in their youth. An exception was the death of Daniel Stoll, a pioneer settler. He and his family were returning home in the afternoon from church services at John S. Wagler's. Riding along in the big wagon they were passing the Isaac Yoder home when Daniel suddenly slumped into the wagon box. He was hurriedly carried into Yoder's house and laid on a bed, but he died almost instantly.

Samuel Lengacher, who came to Davless County about 1886, died quite suddenly while still young. He and his brother John were on their way to cut wood at a distance of several miles from their homes one morning when Samuel complained of severe headaches and a pain in his abdoman. As they went on the pain became more and more severe until finally they were forced to halt, and Samuel was taken to a nearby home where a bed was available. At the age of thirty-four, in the prime of life, Samuel who stood six feet tall in his stocking feet found himself suddenly very, very sick. Doctors were unable to diagnose or to treat the sickness, and by the following morning Samuel had died.

Fifty years ago or even as recently as the First World War, many diseases that are not now considered serious if treated, took their toll. Pneumonia, diphtheria, thyphoid fever, influenza, and small pox were words to cause any mother's heart to beat faster. Jacob Grabills had several daughters. One of these girls, Lydia, a leader among the young folks in singing whose talent in music is remembered by older people even today, contacted thyphoid fever and soon died. The death of one of their number touched deeply the youth of the church, and its effect was felt for many years.

The year 1918 is remembered today chiefly for two things that occurred at that time. One was the end of the World War. The world was tired of war, and hope ebbed low for peace. Peace came sooner than expected, and the world rejoiced to be once more free from the scourge of war on a large scale. The other matter for which the year is remembered is the great flu epidemic that spread over much of North America.

To the home of the rich and poor, young and old, great and small, entered this scourge in the early winter of 1918-1919, and continued to strike down victims until the following spring. A fuller account of the havoc wrought by this epidemic in the army camps where large groups of draftees were housed together is given in another chapter of this booklet. Victor J. Stoll, at the time in C.O. service at Camp Taylor, Kentucky, witnessed the terrible flu mow down dozens of young men, and experienced himself what it was like to be deathly sick of the disease.

At home, in Daviess County, the Amish were by no means left unscathed by the epidemic. Six deaths in all resulted from the disease during the winter. The first to die was Mrs. Victor Stoll, a middle-aged mother of eleven children, and the grandmother of the writer of this booklet. Born Emma Graber, she was the daughter of Peter R. Graber and Sarah Knepp. The family suffering the heaviest loss from the flu was the Jonas Yoder family, where Mrs. Yoder and two children died within a short time. Another death was Mrs. Joseph Wagler, born Catherine Stuckey. The remaining fatality was Noah Wagler.

One of the most dramatic funerals resulted from the death of Eli Gingerich. After a long illness, Gingerich made the rash statement that he hoped his funeral day would be a rainy one so that his neighbor, _____, would take time to attend the services. Although he may have said this jestingly, the elements responded with a display that would have no doubt startled Eli had he been living yet. Many of those who attended the funeral have said that they have never before nor since experienced a storm such as the one that thundered down upon the funeral procession. The storm reached a height where it was thought wise to halt the procession and seek shelter. Even after the people had returned home from the funeral the skies were so dark that a light was needed in the house.

Mention could be made of two supposed suicides among the Amish. One was Christian Wagler, a son of pioneer John S. Wagler, who died June 6, 1890. The other was John Wagler, who died on the exact date 56 years later (1946). Both men at the time of death were 36 years old.

The dead of the Amish are buried in three cemeteries. The original cemetery of the Montgomery group, now termed the Stoll cemetery, is by far the largest of the three today. The Odon cemetery situated a mile east of Odon contains over thirty bodies. The Wagler cemetery is the most recent one of the three. Both of the older cemeteries contain markers on which no decipherable writing is to be found. It is unfortunate that these monuments have not been preserved, but the sandstone material used has worn away under the attacks of the elements completely obliterating what had been inscribed upon the markers.

Service for Peace

The Amish and Mennonite churches have been non-resistant peace churches since they were founded. Their adherents have always believed that Christ's words, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." (Matt. 5:44), can not be explained to allow war or retribution in any form. They do not believe that might is right, nor that any war that has been fought since Christ taught the Way of Love has served for the overall good of mankind. War is basically evil, for it is the science of destruction.

Because these peace churches would not compromise their position in respect to war, and because of other differences, they were heavily persecuted in Europe. To seek homes where worship could be conducted unhindered, many families turned towards America. Here, where people of different nationalities, beliefs, and religions lived side by side, the idea of general religious tolerance was at once accepted, and with but a few exceptions conditions were much better than in Europe.

No Amish-Mennonites were living in Daviess County during the American War for Independence or the Civil War. Therefore, how conscientious objectors were treated during these wars does not interest us as greatly as does the situation during World Wars I and II. However, mention could be made of the fact that a commonly accepted alternative for military service was the payment of a certain sum of money.

In World War I, when the United States entered the struggle late in the war, a conscription program was at once put into action. As the war clouds swept over the land, toleration towards minority groups was severely stretched. Many conscientious objectors-to-war were put into prison upon their refusal to accept military duty. Others were allowed to serve in alternative assignments. Two young Hutterian Brethern draftees were treated so roughly in the prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas that they died.

Only a few men from Daviess County, of the Amish, were actually drafted. One of these was Victor J. Stoll who served four months at Camp Taylor, Kentucky. Amos Graber, Jacob Gingerich, and John Overholt were also sent to this camp but none served for any length of time. A few other Amish-Mennonite men served with Stoll, but they were from other localities. They received one dollar per day for landscaping and road construction work. This was in 1918 in the last months of the war. Seventy-seven thousand enlisted men were stationed at this camp when the terrible "Flu" epidemic struck. On some days three hundred men died. The conscientious objectors were quickly summoned to aid in caring for the thousands of sick in isolation. They were also required to help in the disposal of the dead.

Victor J. Stoll of Daviess County and Peter Stauffer of Allen County, Indiana slept in the same tent. Orders had been received to keep the tent flaps rolled up to control the spread of the disease. On Halloween night the weather turned colder with snow flurries. The two men finally disobeyed orders and rolled the tent flaps down to keep warm. About ten o'clock that night both men were awakened. Guards were at the front impatiently demanding entry. Both men pretended to be asleep, waiting for the other to open the tent flaps. Stoll finally untied the rope stealthily and crept quickly back into his blankets. The guard pushed in and shook Stauffer roughly, warning him of the dangers of disobedience.

Stoll himself was later a flu case, and spent thirty days in the military hospital in serious condition, during which time the constant fever caused all the hair on his head to fall out.

During World War Two the national program of Civilian Public Service was set up for objectors. A large number of young Amish and Mennonite men from the county served in these C.P.S. camps. David L. Wagler, a draftee from Daviess County, in conjunction with Roman Raber of Ohio compiled and published a book entitled The Amish in Civilian Public Service at the end of the war. The book contains chapters by draftees serving in camps throughout the nation, and gives a picture of life in these camps. It contains, besides, the names and information on all the Amish that served in the C.P.S. program. Wagler also served as editor of the Boonsboro, Maryland camp paper, "The Blue Ridge Sunbeam" which had the largest subscription list of any of the scores of camp papers. Boonsboro was called the Amish camp because of the high percentage of Amish men serving there.

Following the war only a few years was the Universal Military Training law of peacetime conscription (UMT). In the last decade objectors have in general been serving in hospitals and mental institutions in two year terms as IW's (pronounced one-W's). These positions differ from the C.P.S. program in regard to remuneration. Those men serving as IW's are usually paid the prevailing salary in the institution in which they serve.

Emigration

If one were to search deeply into the reasons and results of Amish-Mennonite migration, both in Europe and in North America, enough material could be found and developed to fill a large book; but it is enough to say here briefly that in the case of Daviess County emigration, and there have been several important movements from the settlement there to found new ones, the very reasons that lured settlers to the county in the first place were the ones that in turn motivated members to settle elsewhere. Doctrinal and church difficulties often furnished a spiritual reason for moving; family connections in other localities were a good social reason; and cheaper land and greater economic opportunities were sometimes a very real temporal attraction. Then again, a combination of several of the above-mentioned factors often led a family or group of families to the decision to move to a new location.

The material presented in this short chapter will not be a complete record of families moving out of Daviess County, but it will in its brevity mention a few.

The first major movements out of the county were those to North Dakota and Pike County, Indiana at the turn of the century. These movements were preceded by occasional families moving to other states, (Texas, Kansas, etc.); in the family section of this booklet some of these moves can be traced. North Dakota in the late nineties was a raw frontier land needing settlers. A number of Amish families from other districts started the colony near Wolford, and soon received new strength as more families arrived, several from Daviess.

Joseph Graber, Joseph Bacher, Abraham Gingerich, Joseph S. Stoll and Daniel Wittmer left for Dakota in 1899. Simon Overholt and John Lengacher also went but soon returned.

Bishop Joseph Wittmer (1844-1915) was the leader of a group from Daviess County that settled in an adjoining county, Pike, in 1902-1904. At one time fourteen families lived in this settlement which lasted only a decade; many of the families moved to more distant locations while some returned to Daviess County. The Pike County settlement was the first and largest of those which can accurately term the Daviess settlement as the "mother" colony. Names to be found among the settlers in the young Pike County church were Aschleman, Wittmer, Grabill and Gingerich.

Dixon County, Tennessee is another extinct Amish-Mennonite settlement that in its heyday drew settlers from older established colonies, including Davies County, Indiana.

During a period of almost forty years following the above emigrations, only an occasional family left Daviess, usually to live in some established Amish colony elsewhere. Many of the older settlements today have several families or their descendants from Daviess. These include Arthur, Illinois; Partridge, Kansas; Allen and Elkhart Counties, Indiana; Sturgis, Michigan; Defiance, Stark and Madison Counties, Ohio; Oscoda County, Michigan; Dover, Delaware; Norfolk, Virginia and others.

Not until 1942 did a group again leave Daviess County to settle in a new location where but a few Amish were living. In this year and in the years immediately following it, at least a dozen families from Daviess County settled in Calhoun and Hillsdale Counties, Michigan.

In the late forties, three families, Ezra Wagler's, David Eicher's and Wilmer Kemp's moved to Pike County, Missouri (Bowling Green); and one family, David L. Wagler's, moved to Piketon, Ohio.

In 1953-54, four families: Bishop Peter Yoder's, Preacher Jacob Eicher's, Abner Wagler's and Homer Graber's moved to the new settlement at Aylmer, Ontario, Canada.

The Church

The first bishop of the new church in Daviess County was Jacob Graber. His brother, John, was a minister. Deacon John S. Wagler moved in in 1871. The first ordination was in 1871, that of Joseph Wittmer. Then John Graber, mentioned above, was ordained bishop but lived only four months after the ordination. In the next few years Joseph Gingerich, Peter Wagler and Peter Stoll were ordained ministers, followed by the ordination of Joseph Wittmer to the office of bishop in 1882. The above-named ministers (Bishops Jacob Graber and Joseph Wittmer; preachers Joseph Gingerich, Peter Wagler and Peter Stoll; and Deacon John S. Wagler) led the church until 1902. At that time John Graber, Joseph Wagler and Abraham Knepp were chosen to aid in the ministry.

A list of further ordinations in the Old Order church up to the present time (1959) include the following: Amos G. Wittmer, pre.-1909, bish.-1924; Joseph K. Wagler, dea.-1921 (deceased); Joseph K. Graber, pre.-1921; John L. Graber, pre.-1921, bish.-1932; William Graber, pre.-1929; Amos Stoll, pre.-1929 (moved); Peter Yoder, pre.-1931, bish.-1941 (moved); Albert Stoll, pre.-1939 (moved); David Knepp, pre.-1940 (deceased); Amos Yoder, pre.-1938, bish.-1940 (moved); Levi J. Wagler, pre.-1940; Joel Knepp, dea.-1941; John Wagler, pre. (deceased); Homer Stoll, pre.-1943; Fred W. Knepp, pre.-1944, bish.-1957; Benjamin G. Wagler, dea.-1948; Jacob Eicher, pre.-1950 (moved); Harvey Stoll, dea.-1953; Levi Graber, pre.-1954; Harry Wagler, pre.-1954; Benjamin Wagler, pre.-1955; Ora Knepp, pre.-1955; Peter Eicher, pre.-1955; Alva Raber, pre.-1956; Paul Stoll, pre.-1957; Joseph L. Graber, pre.-1958.

Family Histories

The following pages of family information was gathered from many sources and is offered to the public as it has been received. We lay no claim to perfection, for any work of this sort is subject to errors. In several instances we received conflicting data or reports, and in each case of this sort we tried to choose the information we felt was correct, or we omitted both. We are thankful for the help given by the many people from whom we requested it, for without their co-operation this section would not have been possible.

AMANN

Arnold Amann came from Switzerland. He married Mary M. Graber. Fannie Amann married Josiah S. Graber.

ASHLEMAN

Peter Ashleman was born in Fulton County, Ohio. He was married to Hannah Graber in 1881. Some of the Ashleman descendants today live in Fulton County, Ohio, and some still live in Pike County, Indiana, where the family lived after leaving Daviess in 1903-04.

BACHER

Joseph Bacher was born in France September 29, 1858. He married Rachel, daughter of Christian Richers, who was born October 2, 1862 and died August 31, 1907. They lived near Odon. Joseph's second wife was Mary Gingerich. The Bacher family migrated to North Dakota in 1899.

BRANDENBERGER

Jacob Brandenberger and his wife, Katie Schwartz Brandenberger, lived in the Odon district. Brandenbergers were among those who moved to Tennessee. A son, Jacob, is still living in Allen County, Indiana where most of the family's descendants now reside.

EICHER

Christian Eicher moved from Allen County to Daviess. He was married to Adeline Ruby, widow of Joseph Miller. He died in 1896. Children: Katie, Mary, Jacob, Lydia and Samuel.

GINGERICH

The Gingerichs of Daviess County trace their ancestry back to Johannes Gingerich, born in 1781 in Germany, who came to the New World about 1830 and settler in Holmes County, Ohio with his family of five children. The original passport papers of this family are still intact, and are in the possession of John C. Gingerich of Arthur, Illinois. Johannes' only son, Christian, (b. Jan. 16, 1816) was married twice, first to Catherine Orendorf (born in Pennsylvania 1819; d. in Ohio about 1965). To this union were born fifteen children. Christian took over his father's farm in Holmes County under the contract (written in German) that he was to take care of his parents in their old age, and pay a certain amount per year on the farm. This document is also in John C. Gingerich's possession. This farm

is located about three miles south of Charm, Ohio, and the buildings that Christian Gingerich erected are still in use.

About 1869-70 Christian Gingerich moved to Daviess County with his family. It is thought that the reason for the move was because of the land opportunities in southern Ind. Christian's second wife was widow Annie Miller Rhinesmith.

Short sketches of Christian's sons will be given below. JOSEPH (1845-1901) married Catherine Raber in 1870. After Joseph died in 1901, his widow moved to Illinois with most of the family. Two sons, Abe and John, were in the ministry. CHRISTIAN, JR. married Magdelaney Wagler, who was born in Canada. They moved to Illinois in their old age. Many of their descendants live there today, including a son, Precher John C. Gingerich. PETER was the first Amishman to purchase real estate in Daviess County; he bought 80 acres in S-16, T-4, R-6 in 1868. DANIEL lived to be an old man and died in Daviess County. His wife was an invalid for many years and was cared for by John Richers. SIMON moved to Pike County and later to Illinois. LEVI was the twin brother of Simon. He also moved away from Daviess County. None of his descendants live there today. The brothers Levi, Simon and Christian, Jr. died in 1930 only a few weeks apart. JACOB died in Daviess County and a number of his descendants constitute the only Gingerichs living in the county today.

GRABER

The Graber family was among the most influential in the early days of the settlement, partly because there were at least six brothers and sisters represented: Bishop Jacob, Bishop John, Daniel, Christian, Mrs. Daniel Grabill and Mrs. Isaac Yoder. Apparently they were all born in Alsace-Lorraine and made the journey to Daviess County via "Bucherland" in Wayne County, Ohio, and Allen County, in northern Indiana. JACOB GRABER was the senior bishop in Daviess County from the start of the colony until his death in 1904. It is to be noted that he was one of the few men in the history of the Amish Mennonite church who have as deacon received the office of bishop, (vollig-Armediener). He was one of the first to make the move to Daviess County (about 1869) and was a prominent leader in getting the new church organized. His wife was Hannah Riesch (1831-1916) whom he married while living in Wayne County, Ohio. Sons: Jacob R., Peter R., John R., Daniel R. and Amos R. JOHN GRABER (1816-1877) was an older brother to Jacob and likewise a minister. He was ordained bishop four months before his death at sixty years of age. His was the second ordination in Daviess County. DANIEL GRABER and CHRISTIAN GRABER were the remaining two brothers of the family. Further information was not received in time for publication.

GRABILL

Daniel Grabill and his wife, Fanny Graber, were among the oldest residents of the settlement in its early years. Daniel died within a few years to become the first adult death among the Amish there. His wife lived to be 101 years old and died in Pike County, Indiana in 1908. The Grabills came from Allen County to Daviess as did most of the pioneer settlers. They had two children, Daniel and Jacob. Jacob Grabill married Hannah Overholt. They moved to Tennessee. Today there are no Grabills living in the county.

KAUFFMAN

Martin Kauffman was married to Katie Brandenberger. The Kauffmans moved to Dixon County, Tennessee, and from there to Illinois.

KEMP

Simeon J. Kemp (1848-1922) came from Pennsylvania, but lived near Nappanee, Indiana a few years before coming to Daviess County. As a boy in Pennsylvania during the Civil War, he was exposed to conditions related to the war that were remembered all his days. His first wife was Suzanna V. Yoder.

KNEPP

Jackson Knepp was born of Catholic parentage. His grandfather served in the Revolutionary War. In Holmes County, Ohio, Jackson joined the Amish church and married Salome Nissley. The Knepp family moved to Howard County, Indiana and in 1869 moved again, to Hickory County, Missouri, not far from Springfield. There they lived about three years but as there were only a few Amish families living there, they soon began to search for a new home. Investigating the new settlement in Daviess County, Jackson found it to be satisfactory, so he returned home to bring the family. At that time only an occasional railroad ventured into the west and the nearest station was sixty miles from the Knepp home in Hickory County. On his return home from Daviess County, Jackson walked the entire sixty miles through the forests, in one day. The move to Daviess County was made in typical pioneer fashion with most of the belongings loaded in the covered wagon, and the cattle and horses led or driven the hundreds of miles to the new location. To make long trips like this possible, cattle often were shod as well as horses. Jackson Knepp bought the farm now owned by Eli Wagler, and with his family of eight girls and five boys, he soon needed another forty acres which was added to the original plat from an adjoining property. The Knepp family were the first among the Amish to own a buggy. At that time roadcars were not permitted.

From the writings of Joseph Stoll. Continued next month

HISTORY OF THE AMISH IN DAVIESS COUNTY, INDIANA

The Arrival of the Amish

A visitor to Daviess County today would upon investigation find that the entire Amish population of that county lives in one sprawling, unevenly-edged colony, as one group, covering an area roughly ten to twelve miles in diameter. There would be no evidence to suggest another settlement on years gone by. Although unknown to even some of the Amish residents of the county, especially those of the younger generation, this was the case as recently as 1900. The present congregations are located between the towns of Montgomery, Odon, and Loogootee. The settlement which is now extinct was situated just east of Odon, and for that reason it will be termed the Odon Settlement throughout this booklet.

It is generally believed that the Odon settlement was started the earlier of the two, although reliable sources indicate that it may have been precisely the same year. Christian Gingerich, with three men of the same surname who were presumably his sons, Joseph, Peter, and Daniel, moved to Van Buren and Madison townships sometime during 1868 and 1869. A glance at the land records on file on the county court house shows that the above-named Peter Gingerich was the first Amish man to purchase real estate in Daviess County. On December 25, 1868 he purchased an eighty acre plot in Section 16 of Township 4, Range 6.

The name of Gingerich dominated the Odon colony all its years. In fact, there were more men hailing to the name of Gingerich in the whole of the Daviess County Amish circles than to any of the more common names of today, Graber, Stoll, Wagler, or Knepp.

NOTE: Joseph Gingerich, mentioned above, was the groom in the first Amish marriage to take place in Daviess County. He was married to Catherine Raver by Bishop Jacob Graber of Montgomery on April 12, 1870. Whether the name, Raver, as it is spelled in the marriage records may have been Raber is a matter of speculation, but it does not seem at all unlikely in view of the fact that many of the other family names are spelled in different ways, whether purposefully or only by mistake is not known. This is especially true of Lengacher, which in the marriage records is written Lanager, Langacher, and Lenacher with equal abandon.

Today the name Gingerich has virtually disappeared from the mailboxes of the colonies. Upon the disintegration of the Odon settlement in the latter years of the last century, the Gingerichs moved to other Amish colonies in the state, or to those in other states.

Other family names among the Odonites were Richer, Yoder, Brandenberger, Kauffman and Mast. Of these not much is known. Christian Richer purchased 120 acres in Section 27, Township 5, in 1874.

Bishop Jacob Graber, his brother Preacher John Graber, and brother-in-law Daniel Grabill, Deacon John S. Wagler, Jackson Knepp, Isaac Yoder, Jonathan S. Yoder (?), Joseph Wittmer, the Stoll brothers, the Gingerichs, and possibly others, all moved to Daviess Co. within the first few years of its existence as an Amish colony. Many of the pioneer settlers located in what is now the heart of the Amish settlement.

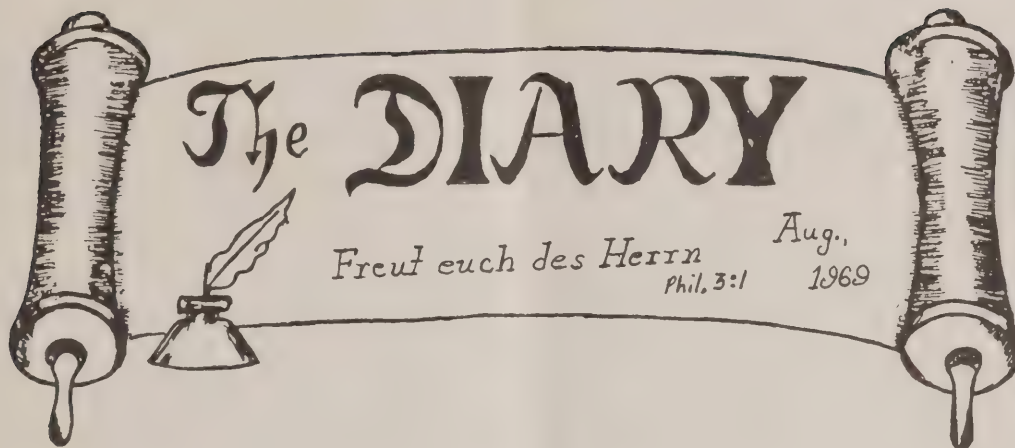
The settlers of the two colonies were separated by twelve to fifteen miles of trails and poor roads, but nevertheless communicated with each other regularly. The trip was usually undertaken on foot, by horseback, or with a team and wagon. Buggies were seldom used because of the condition of the roads.

Life at the Turn of the Century

After three decades of existence, the settlement of Amish in Daviess County was firmly established and prospering. As the years passed the colony steadily became larger, receiving its growth more from "homegrown" stock than from additional settlers moving into the county. As mentioned elsewhere, the division of the colony into two separate church districts in the mid-nineties was undertaken because of the rapid growth in numbers.

As a rule, the Amish and Mennonite people have been rural people. In Daviess, as elsewhere, they were superb farmers. They made a living from the soil; they lived close to the soil; and therefore they knew only too well the benefits to be reaped from careful management of the soil, and also of the ravages resulting from an unkept farm. The farms that had been in Amish care for years were in the majority of cases a lively testimony to all concerned that the soil was in good hands. Instead of depletion of the land from continuous heavy cropping, the fertility of it was built up from year to year until today it is vastly superior in fertility and productivity to the virgin soil of a century ago.

Thus engaged in farming, the Amish enjoyed a simple, frugal, but satisfying life. Very few became rich in this world's wealth, but almost all were able to make ends meet



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HEAVY RAIN STORMS IN SOUTHERN MARYLAND

July started in very warm and dry. On the 12th we got a break when we had nearly an inch of rain. The 3rd week we had nearly and at 100 degree temperature several days. Then from the 19th to the 22nd we had a thunder storm every evening. On the night of the 22nd, in Leonardtown and the surrounding area, they had 12.44 inches of rain with the bulk of it falling in 2 to 3 hours time. The official report said 10½ inches in 3½ hours. There was much washout, mud and water damage. Some places reported the blacktop washed out. A new highway was under construction, nearly ready for asphalt and was badly washed away. Several business places in low areas had 3 to 4 feet of mud and water. One had fire due to short circuit, and the fire truck, in high water and not being able to see because of the blinding torrent, was swept off the road. The hospital had three feet of water on the bottom floor, where they have their cafeteria, emergency room, laboratory, etc. Three thunder storms reportedly came together over the area and literally dumped water on it. There was little or no wind, but plenty of lightning and thunder. On the 28th we had over an inch of rain in a half hour, when lightning struck a neighbor's chimney. Off and on since, we had a lot of rain. Since August 1 we had close to 4 inches. As of August 5, it is raining and it is WET.

MAN INJURED IN FALL

On Monday, August 25, Preacher Moses K. Blank of R1, Gap, Pennsylvania fell about 8 feet while hanging tobacco at home. He is in General Hospital with 7 fractured ribs and is recovering satisfactorily.

MINISTER ILL IN NORTH GROFFDALE DISTRICT

Preacher Amos F. Stoltzfus, New Holland, R.1, Pa. was released from the hospital on August 28, after eleven days of observation. Due to a virus condition he was unable to attend church services since June 15.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR ZOOK INFANT

Nancy Ann, daughter of David and Mary (Glick) Zook, was born August 7, died August 30. Funeral services were held at the home of Samuel Zook on Monday, Sept. 1, at 12 noon by Joel Zook, Aaron S. King and Christ Petersheim. Address is R1, Paradise, Pennsylvania.

NATIVE OF PENNSYLVANIA DROWNED AT NAPPANEE, INDIANA

Amos K. King, 29, of Nappanee R2, Indiana and formerly of Parkesburg R2, Pennsylvania died Thursday, August 20, the apparent victim of drowning.

He was the son of John L. and Lydia Kauffman King of Parkesburg R2, and lived in Ind. for the past two years.

His brothers and sisters are: Rebecca, wife of David L. Zook, Christiana R1; Katie, wife of Amos S. Esh, Quarryville R3; Jacob K. King, Parkesburg R2; Mary, wife of Levi E. Fisher, Kinzers R1; Christ K. King Parkesburg R2; Sadie, wife of Jonas L. Stoltzfus, Gap R1; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph F. Beiler, Gap R1; Lydia, wife of Emanuel Stoltzfus Quarryville R1; Naomi, wife of Elmer E. Fisher, Paradise R1; Fannie, wife of Ira K. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1; and John, Aaron, Anna, Malinda and Levi, all at home.

Funeral services were held at the home of his parents at Parkesburg, Pa. on Monday, August 25 by Eli Chupp, Bremen, Indiana and Sam F. Stoltzfus, burial in Millwood Cemetery.

Let us remember our bereaved ones in prayer



"Lasset die Kindlein zu mir kommen."
Matth 10:14



BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Benuel (Mary Zook) R1, Christiana, a son DANIEL, August 27
 Beiler, Elam S. (Rebecca S. Esh) R1, Ronks, a daughter MARY E., August 27
 Beiler, Samuel R. (Katie B. Beiler) R1, Kinzers, a son _____ August 16
 Esch, Jonas S. (Sarah K. Blank) R1, New Providence, a son JONAS, August 7
 Esh, Abner K. (Annie Stoltzfus) 98 Zook Lane, Lancaster, a son EPHRAIM, August 10
 Esh, Levi A. (Naomi Lapp) R1, Ronks, a daughter LENA L., August 13
 Esh, Michael S. (Sadie K. Miller) R1, Strasburg, a son CHRISTIAN, August 9
 Fisher, Aaron L. (Susie L. Zook) R1, Honey Brook, a son JOHN L., August 14
 Fisher, Jonas S. (Salome King) R1, Kinzers, a son STEVIE JAY, August 19
 Fisher, Menno E. (Mary Z. Stoltzfus) R1, Bird-in-Hand, a son JAMES, August 9
 Fisher, Samuel E. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) R1, Gordonville, a daughter ANNA, August 17
 Fisher, Samuel L. (Katie Lapp) R1, Ronks, a daughter _____ August 21
 Glick, David F. (Susie F. Stoltzfoos) R3, Quarryville, a son DAVID S., August 15
 Glick, Jacob S. (Mary S. Stoltzfus) 2351 Horseshoe Road, Lancaster, a dau. SYLVIA, Aug. 18
 Glick, Moses K. (Annie L. Fisher) R3, Quarryville, a daughter ANNA, August 28
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 Yoder, Henry A. (Rachel J. Bontrager) Hazleton, a son ERVIN, August ____

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BAPTISMS**Somerset County, Pennsylvania**

Homer, oldest son of Joe and Emma (Yoder) Slabaugh; Bennie, youngest son of Eli and Fannie (Lee) Summy and Ada, oldest daughter of Elmer and Lucy (Lichty) Yoder by Enos Swartzentruber of Kalone, Iowa on August 31, 1969.

Holmes County, Ohio

Services in (Banna Dan's) West District on Sunday, August 31 at the home of Ben L. Raber by Bishop Levi J. Hochstetler: Ruth B., daughter of Ben L. Raber, Millersburg; Miriam, daughter of Paul Yoder, Wilnot; Carol, daughter of Lloyd Yoder R5, Millersburg; Betty, daughter of David Troyer, R2 Dundee; Earl, son of Emanuel Beachey, R4 Millersburg; Eddie, son of Alvin Kline, Star Route Millersburg; Paul, son of Raymond Weaver, R5 Mbg.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

On August 31, in upper Emanuel Peachey district, at the home of David P. Yoder by Bishop Emanuel Schrock of Ashland, Ohio: Jacob, son of David C. Swarey; David, son of Deacon John D. Swarey; Annie, daughter of Jesse S. Peachey; Katie, daughter of Ezra F. Peachey; Nancy and Lizzie, daughters of Jacob E. Kanagy.

On August 31, in the Byler district at the home of Sylvanus Peachey by Bishop Jacob E. Kanagy: Stephen, son of Samuel Peight; Jonas, son of Deacon Amos Yoder; Henry, son of Preacher Daniel M. Peachey; Katie, daughter of Deacon Amos Yoder; Fannie, daughter of Jesse Swarey; Leah daughter of Preacher Ezra J. Kanagy.

On August 30 on the middle Renno district at the home of Rufas D. Peachey by Bishop Tobias Petersheim of Juniata County: Samuel and Sarah, children of Crist Renno; Urie and Annie, children of Aaron Z. Peachey; Mary, daughter of David N. Peachey.

Mifflin Co. Pa. Amish Schools opened Aug. 27; vocational classes start Sept. 6; no new teachers.

MARRIAGES**Arthur, Illinois**

(Widower) Chris Miller (of Ind.) and (Widow) Anna Brenneman were married by Steve Kauffman in his district on August 9.

(Widower) Enos Beachy (of Ohio) and Widow Polly Beachy were married by Bishop Menno Miller on August 17.

LaGrange County, Indiana

Noah Byler of Mercer, Pa. and Caroline, daughter of Noah E. Schwartzes of Middlebury. Mose, son of Abe Am Yoder R1 Topeka and Margaret, daughter of Noah E. Schwartzes of Middlebury. This was a double wedding held on August 28

Wayne, son of Harry and Sophia (Burkholder) Helmuth R1 Bremen and Anna Marie, daughter of Ernest and Elizabeth (Hochstetler) Miller R2 Topeka on July 3, 1969

Elkhart County, Indiana

David, son of Milton and Mary (Christner) Otto and Ruth Ann, daughter of Harry and Sarah (Miller) Yoder of RR Goshen on July 3, 1969

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL AMISH LIABILITY AID MEETING

Held at the home of John L. Stoltzfus, Nine Points, Pa. on Tues. August 12, 1969

The meeting started at 9:00 A.M. standard time, with introduction and silent meditation, followed by brief testimony from Committee Members. Twelve other Ministers, Deacons and members were present. Amos L. Stoltzfus, R1 Strasburg and John U. Stoltzfus, R2 Honey Brook were confirmed by the Committee for additional Directors.

The assembled group of Committeemen and Directors voted by secret ballot on 6 Deacon candidates for assistant Secretary. Results revealed Levi P. Kauffman, Honey Brook R2 to fulfill the Committee group to nine members.

From two Minister candidates, the present Committeemen voted by secret ballot for 1 Minister to fill the vacancy of Committeemen, vacated by Bishop Sam S. Kauffman, Christiana R1, which disclosed Stephen S. Fisher, Kinzers R1 for Committeeman

The enrollment lists were read and adjusted for each Director's district. With the re-imbusement payment figures reaching a major figure, the Directors were given the figures for collection now due, and were also informed to give each enrolled Member a copy of the Resolutions in booklet form.

It was advised that the fifth Annual meeting scheduled to be on Tuesday, August 11, 1970, ½ hour earlier at 8:30 standred time, at the home of John I. Smoker, Myerstown, Pa. Meeting adjourned by prayer.

***** LAST CALL FOR BACK ISSUES *****

If there are any back issues you still need for your collection PLEASE send in at once for them. We will send same by return mail, but act at once as we are dangerously low in some issues.

Your suscsription ends with the Demember issue which should reach you in January 1970



August was named in honor of the Roman Emperor Augustus Caesar, he having been made consul of this month. It has thirty-one days with no legal holidays.

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

We had 7 inches of rain in the end of July and beginning of August, then no rain for two weeks.

Farmers are busy putting away tobacco and most of it will be away till the end of August.

St. Mary's County, Maryland

August started in very wet. We had about 7 inches till the 19th. From then on it was cool at night and very pleasant weather. Farmers are filling silo.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Weather through August was still wet till later part, when nice weather came along. Oats thrashing and second crop haying was in full swing. Corn is ripening fast and looks to be a good crop.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

August came in wet with 5.4 inches of rainfall. The latter part of the month was quite warm, with high temperatures of 90 to 100 degrees, cooling off at night. Oats is now all thrashed and farmers are getting ground ready to sow wheat.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Temperatures are above normal with rainfall below normal. The total for August was 2.07 inches, a deficiency of 1.36 inches for the month. Total for the year so far is 22.98 inches, a deficiency of 2.80 for the year.

Crops are very good. Some grain spoiled on shock that stood in the field for 6 weeks because of excessive rainfall during July and first week in August. Oats yielding up to 90 bu. and acre, spelts, 70 and wheat yields below average. All fruits are very plentiful.

Holmes County, Ohio

The weather is nice and clear with sunshine most of the time, hardly any clouds. Farmers are finished thrashing most places. Oats made 70-80 bushels to the acre. Wheat was not as good as last year, around 30-35 bushels to the acre. Farmers are putting up their second crop hay which is very good. We had an all day rain on August 19th but since it was very nice weather. We have a very good peach crop, also apples and pears. Corn looks very promising which we should be thankful for.

Buchanan County, Iowa

July was a warm and wet month. Hay was an abundant crop and corn progressed nicely. Oats were cut but were light in quality.

The month of August was on the dry side with cool nights and warm days. Corn made a change for the better but is still a few weeks later than usual. Oats were a fair crop with yield under average.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

August weather was wet at the beginning of the month, followed by very nice summer weather with warm days and cool nights. Some days the temperature was in the high 90s.

Total rainfall was 3 inches in the East Intercourse area while 2.1 inches were reported in the Bareville area.

Crops are all looking good. The tobacco is mostly all cut and is curing fast with good drying weather the last two weeks. Some nice hay was made the last few weeks. Corn is matured and ready for the silo. Peaches were plentiful during August selling for from \$1.75 to \$2.25 a basket. Sweet corn and other vegetables are plentiful.

Farm prices: potatoes, \$3.00 cwt.; alfalfa hay, \$32.00; timothy hay, \$25.00; mixed hay, \$28.00; straw, \$28.00; corn \$1.25 a bu.; oats, \$.75 a bu.; wheat, \$1.32 a bu.; barley, \$.95 a bu.; ear corn \$45.00 a ton; steers, \$.30; hogs, \$.27; eggs, \$.45 a doz.; fowl, light \$.11 a lb. and heavy \$.19 a lb.

Adams County, Indiana

In Adams County, only once in 60 years has July been as cloudy as it was this year. There were only seven clear days, sixteen were partly cloudy, rain fell on twelve days and there were seven thunder storms. The rain was very spotty with Berne recording only 3.57 inches for the month while here, four miles west of Berne we had that amount in the first week. On the 7th the temperature never went above 67 and the low for the day was 60 degrees. The total rainfall here was 6.4 inches while the north end of the county received almost twice that much.

Most of the crops look fair considering the continued wet weather where it was well drained but the wet spots are showing up this summer. Not much hay was made without rain and some large fields were totally spoiled.

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada: We're having warm weather and not much rain lately. There is still some thrashing to do with barley and oats very light this year. The cucumbers are past and tomatoes are in season. Corn will soon be ready for the silofilling.

AUGUST 1969						
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OBITUARIES

John D. Bontrager of R2 Middlebury, Indiana, aged 79y, 8m, 6d. He was born November 4, 1889 and died July 10, 1969. He was married February 21, 1921 to Katie Helmuth who preceded him in death November 2, 1966.

Surviving are a Foster son Raymond Yoder of R2 Topeka and a Foster daughter Fannie, wife of Pete Yoder of Middlebury, Indiana.

Menno E. Eicher aged 54 years, 2 months and 3 days of Ind.

He died at 11 P.M. Friday, July 4 at the Adams County Hospital after being injured in an accident at 9:45 P.M. Tuesday, July 1. He was born deaf.

Surviving are his wife Fannie (Schwartz) Eicher; six sons, Ernest V. Eicher Geneva R2; Henry V. Eicher Geneva R1; Paul V. Eicher Geneva R1; Jacob V., Menno V. and Joe V. all at home; four daughters, Mrs. Dan B. (Viola) Schwartz Gen. R1; Mrs. Menno (Elizabeth) Schwartz Celina, Ohio R3; Mrs. David M. (Edith) Wickey Willshire R1, Ohio; and Ida at home; 27 grandchildren, 5 brothers, Joe E and Amos E. of R2 Berne;

Ben of Dundee, Ohio R1, John of Middlebury, Ind., Sam of Spencerville, Ind., and three sisters, Mrs. Menno (Salome) Graber LaGrange; Mrs. Sam L. (Anna) Schwartz R1 Berne and Mrs. Albert (Frances) Coblentz Geneva R2, Indiana. Two brothers and two sister preceded in death.

Funeral services were held at the Eicher home Monday, July 7 at 1 P.M. by John C. Schwartz; burial was in Bunker Cemetery.

Emma Mast of R1 Topeka, Indiana aged 68 years, 4 months and 7 days.

Emma wife of Jacob H. Mast was born March 2, 1901 and died July 9, 1969 in the Goshen Hospital. She was married December 2, 1919 to Jacob Mast who survives. Others surviving are 5 sons, Amos at home; Melvin J. of Ligionier; Henry of Kenton, Ohio; Ora J. of Middlebury and Ervin J. of Elkhart, 3 daughters, Mrs. Levi J. Miller of LaGrange; Mrs. Gene Schlabach of Centerville, Michigan and Mrs. Henry Miller of Goshen, 2 brothers, Levi Christner of Wolcottville and Sam Christner of Berne; 3 sisters, Mrs. Levi Wengerd and Mrs. Jacob Hochstetler both of R1 Shipshewana and Mrs. Susie Yoder of R2 Topeka and 34 grandchildren.

Andy A. Miller, son of Deacon Amzie and Anna Miller died August 19, 1969, aged 47 years. He leaves his wife and 9 children.

Mrs. John D. Miller of Charm, Ohio aged 79 years.

Her husband died in 1966. She was born in Holmes County the daughter of the late Simon D. and Catherine (Miller) Troyer. Services were held at Sugarcreech in the Emanuel Schrock home by Bishop Eli N. Schrock.

Mrs. Mary Miller 74 of Dundee, Ohio

She was the wife of Mose Miller. Services held Friday, August 29 at the John Miller residence near Winesburg, Ohio.

William J. Miller of R1 Middlebury, Indiana aged 64 years

He was born March 16, 1905 and died August 1, 1969 after suffering a heart attack. He was helping with the thrashing at the home of his daughter Polly, wife of Amos Bontrager when he suffered the fatal seizure.

He was married to Anna, daughter of William and Polly (Bontrager) Miller on December 11, 1930.

Surviving are the widow and one daughter, Polly married to Amos L. Bontrager and 3 sons, Christ and Ernest both of Goshen and Freeman at home; one sister, Lydia Miller of Middlebury and two brothers, Joseph J. of R2 Topeka and Amos of R1 Shipshewana, Indiana.

Lewis V. Wagler, Jr. 31 of Loogootee R2, Indiana

He died August 30 at 10 o'clock at the Edward Lengacher farm where he was working. He was helping fill silo on his brother-in-law's farm and had his first load ready to take in when he apparently died of a heart attack.

He was born February 14, 1938 in Daviess County, a son of Lewis and Anna Barbara (Stoll) Wagler, who survive. He is also survived by his wife, Lydia Ann and three sons, Norman, Fred, Lewis Edward at home; three daughters, Barbara, Naomi Ruth, and Anna Marie, at home; nine brothers, Frank, Ira, Willard, David John, Eli and Elmer, all of Montgomery R1, Enos, Odon R2, Virgil, Ohio; and three sisters, Mary Ellen Wagler, Lydia Ann Wagler, and Susie Wagler, all of Montgomery R1, Indiana.

Funeral was held Monday, September 1 at the Louis Wagler home with Ora Lengacher and Pete Eicher preaching the sermon. Hymn was read by Deacon Ben G. Wagler; benediction at the cemetery by Bishop John L. Graber. Pall bearers were Amos Stoll, Henry L. Knepp, Levi Weaver and Lester Marnier.

Mrs. Lloyd (Hochstedler) Yoder of Iowa City, Iowa

She died of a stroke August 27, 1969, aged 64 years and 10 months. She was the daughter of the late Mannasses and Suvilla Yoder Hochstedler.

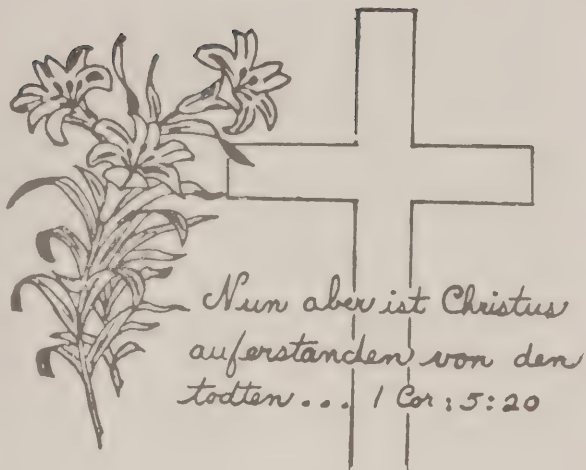
Surviving are her husband, two sons, Ernest and Preacher Willis and four daughters all of Kalona except Pauline who spends most of her time in Kentucky; also two sisters, Mrs. Annie Miller and Mrs. Dick Schlabach and two brothers, Ezra and Sylvan of Kalona.

Ahe was in her usual health, but was steicken with a stroke and died that evening at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City.

Tobias V. Yoder of R1 Topeka, Indiana aged 99 years

He was born April 9, 1870 and died July 21, 1969, aged 99 years, 3 months and 12 days. He was married in March 1890 to Martha Yoder who died January 25, 1953.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Elmer Schrock and Mrs. Elmer Miller both of LaGrange R4, Indiana, Mrs. Cedric Moshel of Syracuse, four sons, Rufus, R1 Topeka, Valentine of the state of Washington, Milo of Millersburg and Amzie of Iowa; 32 grandchildren, 156 great grandchildren and 92 great great grandchildren.



In this busy life with its changing scenes,
We can never know what the future means;
We shall learn why fate plays an unkind hand,
And by and by we'll understand.

When the hand of death reaches into our home,
We are made to weep for a dear one gone;
We shall learn to know what the Lord had planned,
And by and by we'll understand.

One by one we pass through the valley here;
We shall meet again in a land somewhere;
It will all come right at the Lord's right hand,
And by and by we'll understand.

This life is hard to understand,
And the way seems rough to a pilgrim band;
We are pressing on to a better land,
And by and by we'll understand.

He Giveth More Grace

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow

greater,

He giveth more strength when the labors increase;

*To added affliction He addeth His Mercy
To multiplied trials, His multiplied power.*

His Love has no limit; His grace has no measure.

*His power no boundary knows unto men;
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth and giveth and giveth again*

*Dein wort ist...
ein licht auf
meinem wege
Ps. 109:105*



Continued from last month

LICHTY

Hiram Lichty moved to Daviess County from Allen County, Indiana. He was married to a daughter of Isaac Yoder.

LENGACHER

The Lengacher brothers, John and Samuel, came to Daviess County in 1886 from Allen County. They moved because of a schism in the congregation. The story is told that when John and Samuel were boys, they at one time needed reproof and punishment from their parents. The parents gave the boys a choice between a whipping or a prayer of repentance. Samuel chose the former and John the latter. Samuel died while still a young man. He and his brother were on the way to cut wood when Samuel complained of headache and sickness. He was taken to a nearby house where he died the next day, probably from Appendicitis.

Another man of the same name but from a different family, Christian Lengacher, also moved to Daviess County.

MAST

Not much is known about Samuel Mast except that he died young from an infected toe, and his widow moved away from Daviess County.

MILLER

Joseph Miller, Sr. (died 1873) was married to Adeline Ruby (died 1932). They came from Allen County, Indiana. Their children were Peter (died 1958), Joseph Jr. and Adeline. Joseph, Sr. died soon after coming to Daviess County, leaving his widow with three small children. She married again to Christian Eicher. (See Eicher)

OVERHOLT

John Overholt evidently lived in Bucks County, Pennsylvania just prior to moving to Daviess County, for a daughter was born there in 1868. John's first wife was Anna Drissel. Their children were Abraham, John, Hannah and Lydia. His second wife was Veronica Stuckey, and three children, Joseph, Simon and Henry were born to them. The Overholt family is today scattered, with many families living in Stark County, Ohio and in the area near Norfolk, Virginia.

RABER

John Raber (1860-1931) was the first man by that name to move to Daviess County. His wife was Mary, daughter of John S. Wagler. She was born in Canada in 1863 and died in Daviess County in 1938. Children: Joseph, Magdalena, Susan Samuel and Jacob. Only Jacob is deceased.

Manass Raber (1861-1898) was married to Katie Graber (1864-1938). Although both of the above men came from Ohio, they were not near relatives. Children: Daniel and Joseph.

RICHER

Christian Richer was born in Europe. He bought a farm near Odon in 1874. His first wife was Anna Miller. Their children were John, Rachel, Anna, Mary, Solomon, Christian and Mose. After the death of his wife, Christian remarried to Katie Lugabill. Their children were David, Hanry, Leah and Samuel.

STOLL

Little is definitely known about the origin of the Stoll family. The three brothers, John, Daniel and Peter, accompanied the Graber families (whose nephews they were, for their mother was a Graber), when they migrated to America. The brothers were still boys at that time. It is believed that one of the boys' parents had died in Europe, the surviving parent had remarried, and the step-parent had put the boys out, whereupon they were kindly taken up by their maternal relatives, the Grabers. By the time the Stoll brothers reached Daviess County, they were grown men had families of their own.

Peter Stoll (died in 1907) married Rebecca Soudar. He purchased real estate in Daviess County in 1869, so he was likely among the first to settle there. Children: Jacob, Mary, Elizabeth, John, Susan, Peter and Lydia.

Peter Stoll, Jr. was a very large man, and was commonly known as "Fat Pete." He was a thresher in the days when the steam engine was the latest in power. On one occasion he was moving the engine and thresher to another farm then he needed to cross a bridge. A helper warned of the weakness of the bridge. Pete retorted, "That bridge will hold two such rigs!" Midway across, the bridge buckled and the heavy hot steamer and threshing machine plunged into the water below. Miraculously, no one was killed or seriously injured by the fall or the scalding steam.

Daniel Stoll was married to Mary Schoenbeck. Daniel passed away suddenly while returning from church services one Sunday. Children: Katie, Mattie, Samuel, Amos (died 1958), Daniel and Susan.

John Stoll married Elizabeth Swartz (died 1926). Their children were Anna, Katie, Victor, Peter, Joseph, John, Magdalena and Barbara.

STUTZMAN

Joseph Stutzman purchased real estate in 1873 in the Amish-Mennonite neighborhood of Daviess County. It is not known whether he was Amish or not.

SWARTZENTRUBER

John Swartzentruber came from Canada supposedly at the same time that John S. Wagler made the move from there to Daviess County. He was born in 1816 and died in 1901. His first wife was Barbara Burga who died in 1848. Children: Elizabeth (b. 1840), Jacob (b. 1841), Christian (b. 1843), Katie (b. 1844), John (b. 1845), Magdalena (b. 1847). John Swartzentruber was married again, this time to Catherine Erb. Their children were Daniel (b. 1856), Fannie (b. 1857), Elizabeth (b. 1859), and Barbara (b. 1862).

Another branch of the Swartzentruber family represented in Daviess today are the descendants of Noah Swartzentruber who came to Daviess County from the Somerset County, Penna. --Grantsville, Maryland region.

WAGLER

John S. Wagler was born in Lorraine, France in 1820. In 1845, he undertook the move to Ontario as an unmarried young man of 25 years. Later, in 1848, his father, Bishop Christian Wagler, and two of his brothers also made the move to Canada with their families. In 1852 John S. Wagler was ordained a deacon. In 1871 he moved with his family to the settlement just starting in Daviess County, Indiana. John was a small, rather frail man and could not stand much cold weather, this being the reason for moving to Indiana. The family arrived on February 20, 1871. The spring of 1871 was an exceptionally early one, the clover was knee high in April, so John thought that it was almost too good to be true. Soon after arriving in Daviess County he got lost one night in the forest. Inquiring for directions at the farm home later to be known as the Victor Stoll farm, he started once more on the way through the dark woods. True to typical "lost-man" fashion, he circled around and came back to the same house. This occurred the third time whereupon the people living in the house began to get alarmed. Evidently only the feminine members of the family were at home. John was given to understand that should he appear again he would do so at risk of life and limb. Therefore, he sat on a rail fence until morning and as soon as he could recognize his surroundings made his way home. The Wagler farm was the one where Joseph Raber now lives. The Waglers in Daviess County today are all descendants of John S. Wagler and his wife, Magdalena Christner, (born in Germany, 1831, died in 1912). Children: Bishop Peter, John, Joseph, Christian, Mary, and Magdalena. In his old age John S. Wagler became rather muddled mentally; he ran away from home once with a disguise which he considered to be foolproof, a small wordly-styled hat. Relatives went after him, found him in Vincennes, and brought him home. At the time of his death in 1908, he weighed 88 lbs., and his age was 88 years. In Perth and Waterloo Counties, Ontario are found numerous Wagler families. Among them is the aged Michael Wagler who is over ninety-five years old at present. He is a grand-nephew of the John S. Wagler who emigrated to Indiana.

WAGNER

Emil Wagner was born in Europe. He married Elizabeth Graber. Wagner taught German schools in the early years of the settlement. The Wagner family moved to near Huron, Ind.

WITTMER

Joseph Wittmer was born in France in 1844. He came to America with his parents in 1854, and lived in Wayne County, Ohio. He married Lena Grabill (born in Ohio in 1845 - died in Daviess County in 1923), a daughter of Daniel Grabills. Joseph Wittmer was ordained to the ministry in 1871, (the first ordination in Daviess County among the Amish), and to the bishopric in 1882. It was he who led the movement to Pike County, Indiana in 1903-04, but when the settlement failed in ten years he returned to Daviess County in 1914. Children: Anna, Fannie, Daniel, Jacob, Joseph, Lena, Mary, Peter, John, Bishop Amos (1882) and Lydia.

YODER

Isaac Yoder was born in Alsace, France in 1835. His wife was Rosanna Graber, who was born in Alsace in 1823. The Yoders were among the first to come to Daviess County. Later, the Yoders moved to Plainview, Texas where Mrs. Yoder died July 30, 1910. Isaac lived in Kansas for some time, but returned to Daviess County in his old age, where he died March 18, 1921. Children: Jacob, Mary, Magdalena, Katie, Rosanna, Isaac, Fannie, John and Anna (1868).

Jonathan S. Yoder: In the real estate records is listed the fact that our subject bought a 40 acre farm in 1870, S-27, T-5, R-6. But the mystery remains unsolved, for no one seems to know of him. It is believed possible that he purchased property but never made the move to Daviess County.

Jacob Yoder moved from Fulton County, Ohio about 1890. Children: Emma, Leah, Katie, Fanny, Hannah, Sarah, Rose, John, Jonas and Henry.

*Bitte so
zuwird euch
gelesen. Matt: 7:7*

Freuet euch des Herrn.. Ps. 33:

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Summary of the Religious Tenets of the Early Mennonites

A brief summary of the religious, social, and economic tenets of the early Mennonites is necessary in order to understand the origin of the Amish division. It is also important to an understanding of the unfolding experiences of this group after it transplanted many of its members to Penn's colony in the New World during the eighteenth century.

First of all, the Anabaptists were committed to a drastic attempt to recover the life and pattern of the primitive church in New Testament times. They conceived of a church or body of believers who were thoroughly persuaded of their faith and who would stay by it at all costs. They found no precedent for infant baptism in the New Testament, and they did not consider infant baptism of the Catholic Church or the other state churches to be valid for membership in the true church. They called for re-baptism and hence were called "re-baptizers" or "anabaptists."

But the matter of baptism was really a mere starting point and was by no means the extent of the differences that marked off the Anabaptists from followers of Luther, Zwingli, and Calvin. The Anabaptists held further that the true church was sure to be a despised and persecuted group of believers. While other reformers believed that the state and church could work in close harmony and without serious conflict, the Anabaptists did not hold to such an optimistic view for they saw the program of the state to be hostile in many ways to the freedom which their Christian conscience desired. Anabaptists held the state to be ordained of God, even as was the church, but the functions of the two were so different as to call for a separation of church and state. The affairs of each are to be carried on without dictation from the other.

It should be noted that this concept was a radical one and is at the basis of much of the persecution which the Anabaptists were to suffer in the centuries ahead. Indeed one historian says that, "These propositions entailed the dissolution of the whole structure of medieval society."¹ Another historian evaluates the movement based on this principle as "the spiritual soil out of which all nonconformist sects have sprung." The same historian adds that

it is the first plain announcement in modern history of a programme for a new type of Christian society which the modern world, especially in America and England, has been slowly realizing--an absolutely free and independent religious society, and a State in which every man counts as a man, and has his share in shaping both Church and State.²

The early Anabaptists or Mennonites laid great stress on the ethic of the Sermon on the Mount. Their belief was that this ethic was to be applied without compromise by the church but they did not envision that the whole of unregenerate society could be governed by its precepts.³ They were therefore non-political and withdrew from politics and separated themselves from a society they considered evil in order to build what they considered to be the true church or the kingdom of God.

It was in the practice of brotherhood among the members of the church that other traits of the Anabaptist movement began to show. It is necessary to see these traits in their original form if one is to understand later Mennonite and Amish history. Even as the early church "had all things common" so did the first communities of the Anabaptist believers. Hans Leopold, who in 1528 suffered a martyr's death at Augsburg, said of the Swiss Brethren that "if they know of anyone that is in need, whether or not he is a member of their church, they believe it their duty, out of love to God, to render him help and aid."⁴ Another record of the time states that in 1557 a member of the established Protestant church of Strasburg in Alsace attended a baptismal ceremony of the Swiss Brethren. Before the applicants were baptized it was necessary for them to answer in the affirmative, "whether they, if necessity required it, would devote all their possessions to the service of the brotherhood, and would not fail any member that is in need, if they were able to render aid."⁵ Out of such faith and life was to come one of the important examples of the economic consequences of religious faith.

From their beginning the Swiss Brethren believed and practiced what their descendants came to call "non-conformity to the world." In certain respects it resembled the practices that the English Puritans later insisted upon. Some of its conspicuous aspects are to be seen in the documents of the early decades of the movement and later non-conformity in its several expressions was incorporated in the confessions of faith and official statements. One of the opponents of the Swiss Brethren was Heinrich Bullinger and in his first book against them, published in 1531, he points out that they disapproved of dancing and all

¹Bainton, Roland, The Reformation of the Sixteenth Century, p. 99, Boston (1952).

²Jones, Rufus M. Studies in Mystical Religion, p. 369, London, (1909).

³See Guy F. Hershberger's "The Christian's Relation to the State in Time of War: Is Alternative Service Possible and Desirable?" The Mennonite Quarterly Review, IX, pp. 20-36 (January, 1935).

⁴Horsch, John, Mennonites in Europe, p. 317, Scottsdale, Pa. (1942).

⁵Ibid., pp 317-318.

other forms of wordly amusement. He adds that they insisted on a modest dress and condemned outward adornment of jewelry. In his larger work of 1561 he cites them as reproving earnestly "all vain display, all intemperance in eating and drinking, all profanity and other sin." Also "they rejected all wearing of costly clothing and ornaments."¹

A strict attitude was held against the swearing of oaths since the word of the Christian was to be "yes, yes" or "nay, nay" and nothing more. As early as 1527 a confession was adopted and circulated widely, stating that all swearing, including the oath, is forbidden to the Christian.²

The Swiss Brethren extended their principles to various social and economic areas. It is significant that in a disputation at Zofingen the Brethren condemned slavery as a feature of wordliness and as being contrary to Christian principles.³

In the numerous testimonies which survive there is evidence of a strong protest against drinking alcoholic beverages. Says Prof. Roland Bainton,

The movement for total abstinence from alcoholic beverages stems from these groups. Not even Catholic monasticism had called for total abstinence. Luther most assuredly did not, but neither did Calvin or Knox. The Anabaptists started the movement for total abstinence.⁴

Arising from the belief of these people in the nature of the church was the conviction that peace, love, and nonresistance were to be practiced in all human relationships. One of the earliest statements of the Swiss Brethren on this subject came from the founder, Conrad Grebel, and is typical of numerous similar statements that followed in later years. It is presented here along with a statement by a recent writer because among other things it shows the manner in which the Anabaptists linked the peaceful way of life to the suffering which was their lot in the great social and political shiftings of the sixteenth century in Western Europe. In 1524 Grebel said in a letter to Thomas Muntzer,

The Gospel and its adherents are not to be protected with the sword, nor are they thus to protect themselves... True Christian believers are sheep among wolves... They must be baptized in anguish and affliction, tribulation, persecution, suffering, and death; they must be tried with fire and must reach the fatherland of eternal rest, not by killing their bodies, but by mortifying their spiritual enemies. Neither do they use wordly sword or war, since all killing has ceased with them.⁵

All in all, the Anabaptist wing of the Reformation produced a movement which was radically different from the movements of Luther, Calvin, and Zwingli. In the generations that were to follow the descendants of the Anabaptists clung steadily to their faith and way of life. They did so against pressure and persecution which produced a martyr literature and a somewhat introverted form of group life. The following statement by the recent writer referred to above is a summary of Anabaptist faith and life that is difficult to improve upon or supplement. It describes the Anabaptist brotherhoods as

... a voluntary, purified church of believers only, a suffering, cross-bearing, sacrificial church, a strict discipline within the Christian society, stern censurers and excommunications for all offenses, a strong sense of brotherhood and social obligation, a refusal to persecute or to take part in war, complete separation of church and state, and complete freedom of worship.⁶

It should be stated that the Anabaptist movement at its inception was charged with a great missionary zeal. Sebastian Franck, an opponent of the Anabaptists, wrote in 1531, The Anabaptists spread so rapidly that their teaching soon covered as it were, the land. They soon gained a large following, and baptized many thousands, drawing to themselves many sincere souls who had a zeal for God... They increased so rapidly that the world feared an uprising by them, though I have learned that this fear had no justification whatsoever. They were persecuted with great tyranny, being imprisoned, branded, tortured, and executed by fire, water, and the sword. In a few years very many were put to death. Some have estimated the number of those who were put to death in this period to be far above two thousand. They died as martyrs, patiently, and hunbly endured all persecution.⁷

¹Ibid., p. 367

²Wenger, John C., "The Schleithem Confession of Faith," in The Mennonite Quarterly Review, XIX, pp. 251-252 (October, 1945)

³Horsch, John, op. cit., p. 369.

⁴Bainton, Roland, op. cit., p. 97.

⁵From a letter of September 5, 1524, to Thomas Muntzer, taken from the translation from the German by Walter Rauschenbusch. Originally this translation appeared in the American Journal of Theology, January, 1905. c. 1498-1526, The Founder of the Swiss Brethren, Sometimes Called Anabaptists. (Goshen Indiana), 1950

⁶Fosdick, Harry Emerson, op. cit., pp. 284, 285.

⁷Quoted in John Horsch, op. cit., p. 293.

Social and Economic Developments in Mennonite Life in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries

No one can write a "complete" history of a religious group without paying some attention to the social and economic phases which issue from the religious faith of that group. Dr. Ernst Correll points out that, "as a cultural group in history the economic significance of the Mennonites is a distinct by-product of their religio-sociological existence."¹ Both in Europe and America the Mennonite and later the Amish off-shoot provide an example of how religious faith and economic behavior interact. To understand the economic role of the Mennonites from the sixteenth to the eighteenth centuries the historian must recognize that the Mennonites were to a considerable degree a refugee group that was literally seeking a land in which to dwell.

Earliest records would indicate that the Swiss Brethren or Mennonites were a tenant group.² Even after persecutions had subsided, the members of Mennonite communities found it difficult to own land because of regulations which perpetuated the tenant status of dispossessed groups. The law known as "jus retractus" enabled members of the state churches to regain the land which the Brethren may have bought. This was done by the payment of the sum for which the land was originally sold and without any payment being made for the improvements which the Brethren may have added.³

Displaced from productive lands in Switzerland, the Brethren moved into Germany where in mountainous and unproductive areas they sought to earn a living as best they could. It was a matter of sheer survival that forced them to develop the meager resources of the remote hinterlands in Southern Germany. As a result of their plight the Brethren were forced to use new methods of fertilizing the soil, feeding their livestock and planting their crops. They gradually developed superior methods and results. In time their points of excellence began to attract the landowners who wanted then as tenants for their large estates.

It was as tenants of the large estates that the agricultural genius of the Swiss Brethren came to the fore. Whereas most of the Rhineland peasants lived in villages, the Swiss Brethren occupied separate farm units, many of them being estates. Whereas the Rhineland peasant was forced to farm in the traditional, centuries-old Dreifelderwirtschaft the Swiss Brethren on the larger units were free from such regimentation. They had opportunity to experiment and practice what better farming ideas they may have learned from the days when their ancestors were compelled to eke out existence on the poorer land. Moreover the Swiss Brethren because of their religion were compelled to remain excluded from the peasant village life. Thus the setting was made for the development of a unique agricultural community and pattern. The brotherhood concept worked two ways: it made the group adhere from within and it imposed isolation from without.

To see how the brotherhood concept further intensified the group life and pattern, one need only point to the matter of marriage. The Brethren principle of separation had been nowhere applied with more strictness perhaps than in the matter of marriage. Marriage with "outsiders" was strictly forbidden on religious grounds. At that time "outsiders" were likewise forbidden to marry within the fold of the Brethren. With marriage possibilities limited in this way it became a "necessity" for visits to be made from one Brethren community to another in order to find a mate. It is believed that this cross-fertilization of Community contacts resulted in the spread of good farming knowledge among the Brethren.

Important also in the religious and economic life of the Brethren was the practice of mutual aid. Mutual aid among the Brethren was both by design and necessity and was always

¹Correll, Ernst, "The Sociological and Economic Significance of the Mennonites as a Cultural Group in History," The Mennonite Quarterly Review, XVI, p. 162 (July, 1942).

²Correll, Ernst, Das Schweizerische Taufmennonitentum (Tubingen, 1925), p. 142. This important work has not been translated. Several reviews of it have appeared in learned journals, however. Following are two quotations from reviews in American publications: "The sociological problem arises from the fact that the Swiss Brethren who were exclusively farmers, speedily became leaders in agricultural progress wherever they went, and the author set himself to answer the question whether the unique economic achievements of the group were due to its religious and ethical system, the thesis which Max Weber developed in his analysis of the relation of Calvinism to the development of modern capitalism." Review by Harold S. Bender in American Historical Review, XXXI, p. 511, (April, 1926).

"In their technique of intensive farming, animal husbandry, summer and winter stable-feeding, fodder cultivation (clover), use of artificial fertilizer as well as manure, rational and commercial rotation of crops, industrial utilization of by-products the Swiss Brethren were early recognized as the pioneers of modern efficiency." Review by Heinrich H. Maurer in American Journal of Sociology, XXXI, p. 679 (March, 1926).

³Kollmorgen, Walter., Culture of a Contemporary Rural Community, The Old Order Amish of Lancaster County, Pa., pp. 16-21, Washington, D. C., community life is based on Dr. Ernst Correll's Das Schweizerische Taufmennonitentum.

reenforced by strong religious sanctions. "Love one another" was not merely a Biblical theme to be speculated about; it was a commandment to be obeyed. Hardships and misfortunes by members of the "beloved community" became the concern and burdens of all. There is record of the formation of a credit union by the Brethren, one of the first for farmers in Europe. Forbidden by religious faith to invest their money "in the world," the Brethren chose to invest their money in their brotherhood and for a considerable time did so without charging interest.

It is of importance also that a strong democratic spirit prevailed in these brotherhoods. Rivalry and overbidding were frowned on and even condemned in the name of religion. The communion service stressed equality and humility. In such an atmosphere on Sunday men could not become powerful landlords during the week. There are records that even the contracting of debts had to undergo the scrutiny of the group.

Large holdings, large operations, and large gains have never been common among the descendant sectarian groups, including the Amish. Their communities have always been characterized by a high level of economic well-being--by the absence of conspicuous wealth on the one hand and dire poverty on the other.¹

The Amish Division in Switzerland and Alsace

To understand the series of events that led to the Amish schism in the period 1693-1697 it is necessary to enlarge on the doctrine of a pure church as held by the Swiss Brethren and their Mennonite descendants. In the early days of the Swiss Brethren a conference was held at which time the Seven Articles of Schleithem were drawn up, it is believed by Michael Sattler. Sattler was the outstanding leader of the movement after the death of Conrad Grebel and Felix Manz. He too suffered martyrdom on May 21, 1527, only a few months after Manz.²

The Schleithem Confession was important for several reasons. First of all, it was very widely circulated among the brotherhoods. Though not a full statement of Christian faith the Confession embodied certain essential tenets in those days of severe persecution. It discussed baptism, excommunication, breaking of bread, separation from evil, duties of the pastor, the use of the sword and the taking of oaths. The second Article had to do with the "ban" or excommunication and shows the deep desire for a church that was "pure" and unified. The "ban" was to be used with "all those who are baptized into one body of Christ and who are called brethren or sisters and yet who slip sometimes and fall into error and sin, being inadvertently overtaken."

The Article goes on to say that those who slip "shall be admonished twice in secret and the third time openly disciplined or banned according to the command of Christ. Mt.18." The Article concludes by saying that this disciplinary measure is to be done before the breaking of bread or communion time, "so that we may break and eat bread, with one mind and in one love, and may drink of one cup."

As with all groups who adopt such a measure, conflict and difference arose. Frequent references to the "ban" or excommunication are found in the writings of the early Mennonites. The question became one for discussion and disagreement at church conferences. Later confessions of faith were to say something on how the church was to deal with its erring member and so maintain its standards of Christian life and behavior.

In 1557 a conference at Strassburg discussed the problem of avoiding the excommunicated.³ The problem evidently was more alive in Holland than among the congregations in Switzerland and Southern Germany. The Brethren from the southern regions did not favor as strict a practice as that advocated by certain Dutch leaders. In particular they did not favor observing the avoidance in the case of married couples and so indicated in a report addressed to Menno Simons. Unity on the matter was never achieved. The Brethren in the northern countries continued a strict practice of shunning the excommunicated in all social and economic relations while the Brethren in the southern countries applied the doctrine by not having spiritual fellowship nor eating bread with them at the communion table.

In 1632 the subject of how to deal with excommunicated persons found expression in the Dortrecht Confession of Faith, a document still widely followed in Amish and Mennonite circles.⁴ It was signed by fifty-one Mennonite preachers in Holland, northern Germany, the Palatinate, and the Upper Rhine. Though in 1660 thirteen more ministers from Alsace signed it, the Swiss Mennonites never subscribed to the Dortrecht Confession which had been the most unifying document in Mennonite history.

The Dortrecht Confession devoted Article XVI to "the ecclesiastical ban or excommunication from the church" and Article XVII to "the shunning of those who are expelled." Excommunication was for the "spiritual correction by the church, for the amendement, and not for the destruction, of offenders; so that what is pure may be separated from what is

¹Ibid., p. 20.

²Horsch, John, Mennonites in Europe, pp. 70-78, Scottdale, Pa., (1942). For complete text of the Schleithem Confession see John C. Wenger, Glimpses of Mennonite History, pp. 206-213, Scottdale, Pa., (1947).

³Ibid., pp. 129, 130.

⁴Wenger, John C., Glimpses of Mennonite History, pp. 214-228, Scottdale, Pa. (1947).

impure." The excommunicated person was an example and warning to others and he was to be so regarded "that he may again be convinced of the errors of his ways, and brought to repentance and amendment of life."

The Article dealing with shunning states that those who withdraw or are expelled from the fellowship must "be shunned and avoided by all the members of the church (particularly by those to whom his misdeeds are known), whether it be in eating or drinking, or other such like social matters. In short, that we are to have nothing to do with him. . ." The Article then goes on in a redemptive note to saying that

moderation and Christian discretion be used, that such shunning and reproof may not be conducive to his ruin, but be serviceable to his amendment. For should he be in need, hungry, thirsty, sick or visited by some other affliction, we are duty bound, according to the doctrine and practice of Christ and his apostles, to render him aid and assistance, as necessity may require; otherwise the shunning of him might be more conducive to his ruin than to his amendment. I Thess. 5:14.

With this background the causes for the Amish division can be better understood and the account of the schism more easily traced. For many generations the facts behind this division were not accurately known and incorrect ideas were held as to the causes. In recent years, however, the historian has not been at a loss to understand the causes and trace the course of events that brought about this major division in Mennonite history.¹

It may seem strange that the events leading to the schism took place in the midst of a time when many Mennonites in the Palatinate and Alsace were suffering the hardships of war. Apparently the causes were deep and long-standing. The person most prominent in the controversy was a young Mennonite bishop from Alsace, Jakob Amman. He seems to have been a zealous leader who became especially concerned about what he considered to be a lax application of the church's discipline on shunning excommunicated members. The "Meidung" (common word for avoidance of expelled members) had been introduced into the Alsatian churches but not all ministers agreed on how it should be enforced. Until the time of the Amish controversy it did not seem to be practiced in its extreme form.

Ammann's concerns for a "safe" church centered around two other issues besides the "Meidung." One of these was the question as to whether a certain woman should be excommunicated because she spoke a falsehood. The other issue was whether it was correct to say that all true-hearted persons would be saved. Amman's chief opponent on these issues was Hans Reist. In a letter of November 22, 1693, Jakob Amman accused Hans Reist of forsaking the true Gospel because he differed from him on these three issues. Ammann also favored holding communion twice a year and apparently he also introduced the ordinance of footwashing. However, these innovations were not the crucial issues in the controversy. Ammann's contentions for uniformity in dress (including style of hat, clothing for the body, shoes, and stockings) and his protest against trimming the beard and attending state churches are in the record but they were not the dividing factor.

Hearing reports that church discipline was lax and that some ministers believed that a moral life was all that was needed for salvation young Jakob Ammann felt the time had come for action. Accordingly, he took Uli Ammann, Christian Blank, and Niklaus Augspurger with him on a tour of the churches in Switzerland in order to learn where the leaders of the congregations stood on the shunning or "Meidung" issue. During the investigation tour they also sought to find out if certain ministers believed that all true-hearted people would be saved. One of the places visited was at Utigen where they pressed Hans Reist for his opinion on the "Meidung." His answer was, "What one eats is no sin; Christ also ate with publicans and sinners." This unsatisfactory answer was followed by another question. What did Reist think about excommunicating someone who admitted telling a falsehood? To this Reist gave another unsatisfactory answer.

The investigators continued their journey and next went to Eggiwyl where they probed two other ministers for their views on the "Meidung" issue. These ministers advised the convening of the entire ministry and this was done. The gathering took place in Niklaus Moser's barn. Some ministers were there, but Hans Reist was absent. No conclusion could be reached and another meeting was scheduled to be held in two weeks.

Again Hans Reist did not appear at the meeting. After waiting for some time for Reist to arrive, two women were dispatched to find him and ask him to attend the meeting. The women returned with the word that Reist was busy in the harvest and could not find time to attend. Jakob Ammann interpreted this absence as due to indifference and proceeded to list six charges against Reist and declare him excommunicated. Upon questioning some of the other ones present, Ammann found them also unsound on the "Meidung" issue and he likewise excommunicated them. The meeting disbanded with Ammann and his followers leaving without shaking hands with anyone. Seven of the followers of Ammann met around noon time of the

¹Gascho, Milton, "The Amish Division of 1683-1697 in Switzerland and Alsace," The Mennonite Quarterly Review, XI, pp. 235-266, (October, 1937). This is a thorough study of the causes of the Amish division based on first-hand sources. A total of sixteen contemporary letters make up the basic source material. Among other things this account refutes the long-established idea that the division was due to opinions on the wearing of "looks and eyes and beards."

same day and near the same place and forbade that their opponents be told about the meeting. Further excommunications were issued by the Ammann party. According to a letter by Uli Ammann the division actually took place in late July or early August of 1693.

Jakob Ammann was soon to learn that his actions did not meet with everyone's approval. Reist had a considerable number of followers. Some of these took Ammann to task for going too far and finally convened a meeting at which Ammann was present. Nothing by way of reconciliation came out of the meeting, however. Ammann continued to "purge" the church and even issued a letter asking all church members to say that they accepted his views on the three controversial issues or to prove that he was wrong. He even set a deadline of March 7, 1694, after which time those not agreeing would be excommunicated.

However, in March, 1694, a meeting was held at a mill at Ohmenheim in Alsace during which both sides made an effort to achieve reconciliation. But neither side would yield on the "Meidung" question. On March 13, 1694, the Swiss and Palatine ministers issued a statement which explained their reason for not shunning expelled members in the way that Ammann considered necessary. At about this time Ammann placed most of the Palatine ministers under the "ban" in addition to many persons whom he had never seen. The division was now practically complete.

There were further attempts at reconciliation, however, but they were not successful. Some of Ammann's followers even showed a desire to be again received into the church but they refused to relax their "Meidung" position and the return to the former body was not made. The last attempt at reconciliation was made in 1711 when a group of Amish from the Palatinate and the Upper Palatinate came to Heidelberg in Alsace to seek peace with the provision that they be allowed to practice "Meidung" and footwashing. Apparently at least two of the group were received into the church, but no large-scale healing of the schism took place.¹

In the above brief summary of Amish origins the historian observes two prominent features of the faith and life of a people. (1) The Amish constitute a historical group of devout believers who follow a literal New Testament interpretation with special emphasis on the Sermon on the Mount. This interpretation calls for a brotherhood way of life that is characterized by: non-conformity to the larger society, non-resistance to all forms of evil and strife, mutual aid within the brotherhood, charity to "all men," voluntary church membership, cross-bearing in the Christian life, and the excommunication and shunning of transgressors. (2) The Amish were the heirs of a long and notable tradition of rural living that expressed itself in the practice of intensive and constructive farming methods.

It can be safely assumed, too, that the Amish people at the time of their origin considered themselves to be the unique preservers of a faith and way of life. For this faith and way of life their ancestors had suffered and paid great prices in lives and in treasures. It is quite likely that this belief and the willingness to sacrifice and to run a risk for it underlay their migrations to America.

Backgrounds of Amish Mennonite Migrations to America

The emigration of Jakob Ammann's followers to America is part of a larger story. This larger story is the exodus of thousands of Palatinate peasants and craftsmen "from the Rhine to the Susquehanna" during the eighteenth century. The reasons why peasants and craftsmen left the fertile Rhine Valley were several. Historians assume that the devastation of the Thirty Years War played a part in conditioning the peasants to seek another abode. Even after the Peace of Westphalia in 1648 there was pillage and plunder in the Palatinate. French invaders in 1689 under General Montclas left behind them "burning villages and ruined peasants."²

Though years of peace returned, prosperity did not come for the peasants in a great many cases. The high costs of war and the lavish spending of the Electors John William (1690-1716) and Charles Philip (1716-1742) could be met only by taxes. These taxes were levied on the already poor subjects of the elector and it is said that "Charles Philip was blind to the suffering of his subjects. His taxes bore with killing force on the backs of his subjects, stifled trade, crushed industry, beggared the peasantry and threatened to depopulate the country."³

Added to the economic stress were religious persecutions. Though the Palatinate had enjoyed degrees of religious toleration there were also waves of persecution for both the Lutheran and the Calvinist churches and also for the Mennonites. During the eighteenth century the Mennonites were at best only a tolerated minority in the Palatinate. It is doubtful if the Amish fared any better. Petitions of the eighteenth century reveal that the Mennonites were often forced to surrender land to Catholic rivals after they (the Mennonites) had built up the land to a high state of productivity. Worship had to be conducted

¹Since that date the division has practically disappeared in Europe and since 1915 it is estimated that half of the Amish in America have reunited with the Mennonites.

²Wertebaker, Thomas Jefferson, The Founding of American Civilization: The Middle Colonies, p. 264, New York, (1938).

³Ibid., p. 265.

in an inconspicuous way and allowed in private homes only. Children were not allowed to be taught a trade in the guilds and so farming became the only possible occupation. To the long list of grievances which the Mennonites had there was added the refusal to bury their dead in the public graveyards. And the threat of severe punishment commonly prevented them from conducting funeral services.¹

Amishman in America have traditionally given such reasons as the above for the coming of their ancestors to America. As in other migrations of history, it is not always easy to say which was the more influential--the economic or the religious. The historian may well assume that both of these deep, basic urges played their role in the coming of the Amish to Pennsylvania. There are records not too far removed from the time of the migrations that would support strongly the religious reasons for the migrations. In 1880 Shem Zook, an Amish writer and publisher, stated in a letter to John Hertzler that his grandfather (Moritz Zug) came from Pfaltz, Germany, in 1742. Moritz Zug was a grandson of Hans Zaug, "who was driven from Switzerland by sectarian persecution in 1671 and afterwards settled in Germany."²

David Beiler, an Amish Bishop who was born in 1786 and died in 1871, compiled considerable data on his family and people and he states that his ancestors were forced to leave the Fatherland because of persecution which did not permit them to worship God as they desired.³

It is easy to understand why the Palatinate peasant whether Lutheran or Mennonite should have welcomed the invitation of William Penn to venture to the new world and establish his home in peace and freedom. The first Mennonites to arrive in Pennsylvania came in 1683; the Amish did not arrive until the early decades of the eighteenth century.

The coming of German-speaking peoples to an English colony of the New World has been called a courageous venture and one historian points out that, "At no time in the world's history do we have an emigration of a people which quite parallels the story of the German migration to the New World." This same historian refers to the "royal blessing" which the Cavalier has when he established the plantation system in the Tidewater area of Virginia. The Quakers of Pennsylvania and environs as well as the Catholics of Maryland were the beneficiaries of a strong and enterprising government. Even the French, Dutch, and Swedish settlers had some "assurance of the paternal interest of a powerful state." In contrast to these were the seventeenth and eighteenth century German immigrants who

came to create for themselves a new life under a sovereign upon which they had no claim; among neighbors who regarded them with envy and suspicion; under laws which most of them could not read, and a language which most of them could not comprehend; under social customs which were unlike their own.⁴

If the migration to the New World intailed such risks and called for such courage for the "average" German immigrant to Penn's Colony during the eighteenth century, it was even a greater undertaking for the Palatinate peasant who was of Jakob Ammann's faith and persuasion. The Amish immigrant brought to the shores of the New World a non-resistant faith which forbade him to fight the savage of the frontier even as it forbade him to take up arms against his foes in the Rhineland. He was not only a member of a different cultural group, but he was unique in belief and outlook as a member of this group which poured into provincial Pennsylvania.

¹Smith, C. Henry, The Mennonite Immigration to Pennsylvania, pp. 44-54, Norristown, Pa., (1926).

²Hertzler, John, Sr., A Brief Biographic Memorial of Jacob Hertzler and a Complete Genealogical Family Register, p. 119, Elkhart,

³Beiler, David, Eine Vermahnung oder Andenken, p.7. A privately published work written in 1860. Copies of this work have been preserved chiefly by Amish leaders. This pamphlet is substantially the same as contained in a letter written by Bishop David Beiler to Jacob Swartzendruber (1800-1868), the first Amish bishop of Iowa. The letter is dated July 3, 1861. For valuable comments on this manuscript see John Umble, "Catalog of an Amish Bishop's 'Library'" The Mennonite Quarterly Review, pp. 230-239, (July, 1946). For a translation of this manuscript and large parts of the pamphlet see John Umble, "Memoirs of an Amish Bishop," The Mennonite Quarterly Review, XXII, pp. 94-108, (April, 1948). David Beiler is buried in an Amish cemetery at Ronks, Pa., and the grave marker indicates 1871 as the date of his death. In August and November of 1952 the writer called on Benjamin F. Beiler, an aged grandson of David Beiler. Benjamin F. Beiler, recalled his grandfather quite well and remembered incidents that occurred in the years when David Beiler, as a retired farmer and bishop, lived in the home where Benjamin was a growing boy. Since David Beiler was born in 1786 and died in 1871, it was possible on these two visits with his grandson to gather some impressions of eighteenth and nineteenth century Amish life from one who personally knew a man who lived intimately among the Amish during that period. According to the grandson, David Beiler had church-wide interests among the Amish that took him on visits to Mifflin County, Pa., where his brother, Solomon was an Amish preacher. He also travelled to Amish Settlements in Holmes County, Ohio. He was known to be a staunch supporter of orthodox Amish doctrines and ways and was one of the few Amish leaders to leave writings for posterity.

⁴Graeff, Arthur D., The Relations Between the Pennsylvania Germans and the British Authorities (1750-1776), p. 15, Temple University, (1939).

COMING OF THE AMISH MENNONITES TO COLONIAL PENNSYLVANIA IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

When the Rhineland peasants came to Pennsylvania in the late seventeenth century and first half of the eighteenth century, they were welcomed by the benevolent government which English Quakers had established. That the Amish and kindred groups should seek the great forests and blue hills of southeastern Pennsylvania should not seem strange since "there are many points of similarity between the region selected by most of the newcomers and the Rhine Palatinate." The author of this quotation also states that the German immigrant of those years

expected as a matter of course to retain his language, his religion, his architecture, his agricultural methods, his mechanical crafts, his peasant art, his folklore, his simple customs, his accustomed food, his music, his farm implements, his costume, his furniture. These things had come down to him through the centuries; he could see no reason why they should not persist on the soil of Pennsylvania as well as in the Rhine Valley or in the mountains of Switzerland.¹

Apparently the German peasant was quite eager to enter this promised land and by about 1725 a considerable German population was developing in the inland territory of Penn's Colony. In 1729 James Logan wrote to the Penns and expressed his concern that the Germans were becoming a colony within a colony.² In 1727 the Provincial Council had ordered that all ship captains importing Palatines and other foreigners were to prepare a list of all their passengers, stating the port from which they came and giving certain other facts. It is to these ship lists and to the lists of allegiance and abjuration that future historians were to turn many times for valuable information. It is to these lists that the historians of the eighteenth century Amish immigration turns for names of the Amish who settled in Lancaster, Berks, and Chester Counties.³

Parenthetically, it is of interest that this "government scare" preserved for posterity a record of the arrival of tens of thousands of persons whose date of immigration might otherwise have been forever lost. At no other port of colonial America were such detailed lists kept as at Philadelphia. That the "danger" of German immigration was somewhat over-rated can be gleaned from this excerpt from a message by Governor George Thomas to the Provincial Assembly in 1738:

This Province has been for some years the asylum of the distressed Protestants of the Palatinate, and other parts of Germany, and I believe it may with truth be said that the present flourishing condition of it is in great measure owing to the Industry of the people; and should any discouragement divert them from coming hither, it may well be apprehended that the value of your lands will fall, and your advances to wealth be much slower; for it is not altogether the goodness of the soil, but the Number and Industry of the People that make a flourishing Country.⁴

But one must return to the immigration lists of colonial Pennsylvania, for those lists contain the names of Amish forbears whose descendants in many instances have kept unbroken family records. It is doubtful if all persons with Amish names were of the Amish faith or remained in the Amish faith. There are traditions in the Amish history of colonial Pennsylvania that few of their number severed Amish connections and joined other faiths. In combing the immigration lists, the historian finds the traditional Amish names and lists them. Other evidence must be supplied to prove that these persons were Amish and as implied above such evidence exists in the carefully preserved family records and elsewhere.

Many of the immigration lists which contain Amish names are prefaced by a statement to the effect that the undersigned took an oath of allegiance or subscribed an oath to the Provincial government. In some instances they are listed as having taken the "usual Qualifications to the Government." In view of the Amish scruples against taking an oath, some explanation is needed unless it is conceded that the Amish did not adhere strictly to the non-swearing of oaths. There is reason to believe that the Quaker government, itself

¹Wertebaker, Thomas Jefferson, *op.cit.*, p. 269

²Hinke, W. J. and Strassburger, R. B. Pennsylvania German Pioneers Vol. I, pp. 275-400 *passim*, Norristown, Pa., (1934).

³*Ibid.*, 3 volumes. Contains photostatic copies of ship lists of German immigrants of 1727-1808. See pages xxii-xxix in volume I for a discussion of the contents of the ship lists of the captains, the contents of the lists of the signers of the oath of allegiance and the important third set of signatures. This valuable third set of signatures was compiled as a result of the law demanding a signature of the oath of abjuration. The names of the signers were entered into bound books. From August 17, 1729, to October 9, 1775, this list runs continuously. Strassburger stresses in his Introduction to volume I, page xxviii that "this third set of signatures. . . is alone complete. Instead of being merely a copy of the other list it is really the backbone of the whole series of lists and the most important set, from which we derive most of our information regarding the ships and their passengers."

⁴Pennsylvania Colonial Records, IV, p. 315

controlled by people with a conscience against swearing oaths, provided exemptions for those German peasants who had similar scruples. In 1717, ten years before the Provincial Council had ordered the preparing of lists of incoming Palatines, Governor Sir William Keith issues a proclamation requiring all emigrants:

to take such oaths appointed by law as are necessary to give assurance of their being well affected to His Majesty and his government; but because some of these foreigners are said to be Mennonists, who cannot for conscience sake take any oaths, that these persons be admitted upon their giving any Equivalent assurance in their own way and manner.¹

Whether this provision for the Mennonites was extended to include their co-religionists, the Amish, is not known from the records. Perhaps not, for there are records of a later petition by the Amish in which they requested a modification of the naturalization law to suit their purpose. According to one source,

In 1742, a number of Germans stated that they had emigrated from Europe by an invitation from the proprietaries, and being attached to the Amish doctrine, and that being conscientious as to oaths they cannot procure naturalization by the present laws. Whereupon a law was made in conformity with their request.²

The first ship list to contain Amish names was that of the ship Adventure which landed at Philadelphia on October 2, 1727. The names are as follows:³ Johann Jacob Stutzman, Johannes Kurtz.

On September 29, 1733, the ship Mary arrived and its list contained the following Amish names:⁴ Johannes Reichenbach, Johannes Lap, Johannes Slabach, John Henry Slabach; Women: Catherine Reichenbach, Hanna Christina Lap, Maria Elizabeth Slabach; Boys: Rudolph Lap, Tewald Slabach, Henry Slabach; Girls: Catherina Reichenbach, Maria Barbara Reichenbach, Anna Maria Lap, Anna Catherina Lap, Dorothea Catherina Lap.

In the minutes of the Provincial Council is a statement that on September 1, 1736, one hundred and fifty-one Foreigners from the Palatinate and other places, who with their families making in all three hundred eighty-eight Persons were imported here in the Ship Harle of London, Ralph Harle, Master, from Rotterdam but last from Cowes, as by Clearance thence, were this day qualified as usual.⁵

At the Courthouse of Philadelphia on the same day in the presence of James Logan and others these Palatines "did this day take and subscribe the oaths to the government."⁶ Amish names appearing on this list are the following: Jacob Hoffstadler, Peter Rup, Arnd Kurtz, Johannes Gerber. The captain's list gives the ages of Jacob Hoffstadler (spelled on the captain's list as Hochstettler) as 32, Peter Rup as 30 and Johannes Gerber as 32.⁷ The courthouse list indicates that Rup and Hoffstadler were unable to sign their names.⁸ Hoffstadler's name is also Hostedler on the list of the signers of the oath of allegiance.⁹

On September 24, 1737, the three following Amish names were recorded in Philadelphia, also in the presence of the Hon. James Logan: Isaac Koffman, Hans Koffman, and Isaac

¹Pennsylvania Colonial Records, III, p. 29.

²Watson, John F., Annals of Philadelphia, Vol. 2, p. 109. Philadelphia, (1844). On page 108 of the same work Watson states that this petition is signed by Emanuel Zimmerman in behalf of the Amish people. This petition is likely the one to which Conyngham refers to in The Register of Pennsylvania, VII, 1831, page 151. Conyngham's date of 1718 for the petition is unlikely, however, for several reasons: (1) The author, Emanuel Zimmerman was born in 1702 according to The Register of Pennsylvania, VII, page 152. It is improbable that a sixteen-year-old lad would be the author of such a document. (2) The petition refers to the Tunkards and they did not arrive in America till after 1718. (3) Tradition dates the Amish migrations to America as being later than 1718; it is highly doubtful if there was a body of Amish people in colonial Pennsylvania by 1718. The date of 1742 for the petition, however, leaves one problem unsolved and that is why it should be addressed to William Penn whose death occurred in 1718. Was it because the one drafting the petition wanted to impress the fact that William Penn was the original guarantor of these freedoms? The petition is addressed, "To the most Worshipful and Respectable Proprietor of the Province, William Penn, and his Deputy Governor." Conyngham in The Register of Pennsylvania, VII, 1831, page 152 writes, "The memorial of the Aymenish and Mennonites breathes the spirit of William Tell. It was probably written by Emanuel Zimmerman as his name is attached to it in behalf of the Amish, Mennonites, Etc."

³Hinke, W. J. and Strassburger, R. B., op. cit., p. 15

⁴Ibid., pp. 130-132.

⁵Colonial Records, IV, p. 58 ff.

⁶Hinke, W. J. and Strassburger, R. B., op. cit., pp. 160, 161.

⁷Ibid., pp. 154-157.

⁸Ibid., pp. 160, 161.

⁹This is the Jacob Hochstetler whose descendants are in the book, Descendants of Jacob Hochstetler, the Immigrant of 1736. Rev. Harvey Hostetler, D. D. is the author with an historical introduction by William F. Hochstetler.

Koffman, Jr.¹ Two days later another vessel arrived from Rotterdam with a list of passengers that contained the following Amish names:² Michael (H) Kortz, Johann Conrad Jost, Johannes Spycker, Joh. Spycker, Joh. Peter Spyker.

On October 8, 1737, the Hon. James Logan, Esq. was present to preside at the ceremony when the following Amish names were added to the list of Platines who "did this day take and subscribe the Oaths to the government":³ Michal Somer, Hans Jacob Kauffman, Jacob Schantz, Hans Schantz, Hans (H) Gerber, Christian (CK) Kortz, Jacob Beiler, Jacob Mast, Ulrich (O) Speiker, Christian T. Hertzberger, Christian Burcki. The captain's list for this same day contains the names of women and children. The Amish names in this list are as follows: Anna Maria Kauffman, Barbara Kauffman, Catrina Schantz, Barbara Schantz, Catrina Schantz, Elizabeth Schantz, Ferona Schontz, Christina Schantz, Magdalena Schantz, Ferona Biler, Barbara Biler, Christopher Biler, Maria Biler, Barbara Hersherberge, Anna Hersherberge, Peter Hersherberge, Catrina Burkie.

The same list spells Jacob Beiler's name as Jacob Biler. It is likely that the Bilers in the above list were children of Jacob Biler.

Amish names tend to occur in groups on these lists and it is seldom that a single Amish name is found among the long list of the passengers. Yet such do occur. The name of Johann Philip Riehl is found for the lists of September 9, 1738.⁵ Peter Stutzman appears on a list for September 29, 1741.⁶ Daniel Henrich Esch arrived on October 2, 1741.⁷

The lists for the ship Francis and Elizabeth, arriving on September 21, 1742, include the following Amish names:⁸ Johannes Gnage, Moritz Zug, Christian Zug, Johannes Gerber, Jacob Kurtz, Johannes Zug, Christian Jotter, Jacob Yoder, Christian Yoder. Apparently all but Jacob Yoder were able to write their own names.

On December 22, 1744, the ship Muscliffe Galley arrived and among its passengers were the following who bore Amish names, the first being the only one who apparently was able to sign his own name:⁹ Jacob Konig, Hans Kurtz, Stephen Kurtz, Christian Konig, Samuel Konig, Jost Yotter, Johannes Albrecht, Peter Yutzy.

On September 15, 1748, Petter Gluck arrived on the ship Judith.¹⁰

On August 24, 1749, these Amish names were listed with those persons who "did this day take the usual Qualifications to the Government."¹¹ Michel Jost, Johannes Jerg Schmucker, Henrich Anthon Konig.

On September 9, 1749, the ship Saint Andrew had on board a number of Amish passengers. Amish names on these lists include:¹² Samuel Kauffman, Hans Rudy Frey, Jacob Hertzler, Jacob Herschberger, Casper Herschberger, Jacob Brandt, Christian Hirschberger.

The ship Phoenix which landed on September 15, 1749, had passengers "from Zweybrech, Nassau, Wirttemberg and Paltinate." Amish names on the lists were:¹³ Joseph Mischle, John Sumer, Matheis Nafzger, Rudolph Nafzger, Christian (O) Kauffman, Jacob Kauffman, Johannes Lans, Abraham Kurtz, Peter Nafsker, Christian Kurtz, Christian (H) Hochstatler, Nicklaus Hochstatler, Ulrich Hostatter, Christian Fischer.

The year 1749 has been called the banner year for Amish immigrations to America in the eighteenth century.

On August 11, 1750, Daniel Miller arrived in Philadelphia and apparently was the only Amishman on board.¹⁴

The year 1750 witnessed the arrival of more Amish immigrants. On November 3, 1750, the ship Brotherhood arrived with passengers bearing these Amish names:¹⁵ Peter Stuky, Christian Blaich, Hans Konig, Andres Holly, Michel Holly, Christian Kauffman, Peter Fisher, Christian Newcomer, Hans Blauch, Jacob Naftzger, Michael Stuky, Hans Jost Hertzler, Johannes Hertzler, Hans Hertzler, Johannes Nast, Paul Roth, Johannes Rub, Christian Rub. Of the above there were nine who were unable to sign their names on the register.

The year 1751 witnessed further Amish migrations and the two following names common to these people appear on the lists for September 16, 1751:¹⁶ Davit Bietch, Michael Bietch.

¹Hinke, W. J. and Strassburger, R. B., op. cit., p. 177

²Ibid., pp. 182, 183.

³Ibid., p. 193

⁴Ibid., pp. 188-190

⁵Ibid., p. 207

⁶Ibid., p. 301

⁷Ibid., p. 306

⁸Ibid., pp. 327, 329

⁹Ibid., pp. 358, 359

¹⁰Ibid., p. 382

¹¹Ibid., pp. 390, 391

¹²Ibid., pp. 396, 397

¹³Ibid., pp. 406, 407

¹⁴Ibid., p. 426. There are many Millers on the ship lists other than the Amish.

Daniel Miller's Amish affiliation is confirmed in C. Z. Mast's Mast Family History: A Brief History of Bishop Jacob Mast and Other Pioneers, p. 75, (1911).

¹⁵Ibid., pp. 447-449.

¹⁶Ibid., p. 464.

Extracts from the History of the First Amish Mennonite Communities in America by
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EUROPEAN BACKGROUNDS OF THE AMISH MENNONITES

Beginnings of the Anabaptists or Swiss Brethren, Later Called Mennonites

Historians of the Anabaptist movement trace its origins to the followers of Ulrich Zwingli in Zürich, Switzerland.¹ Among Zwingli's followers was a small group of men who felt that Zwingli's reform efforts were not as thorough as they should be. A leader of this group was Conrad Grebel (c. 1498-1526), a young man who came from a leading family of Zürich and who had been a student at the Universities of Vienna, Basel, and Paris. As a zealous follower of Zwingli's new reform movement, young Grebel hoped for a far-reaching change. In his mind this meant the establishment of a church on the pattern of the early church in the New Testament. Zwingli did not move in this direction with the speed that Grebel and a few others desired. Zwingli, while at first opposed to the state's dictation, preferred to wait to abolish the mass and other practices until assured of the support of the Council of Zürich.

Unable to continue with Zwingli in what they considered a compromising position, Conrad Grebel and others took public issue. When ordered by the City Council of Zürich to baptize their children, they refused because they could find no New Testament basis for infant baptism nor could they accept the dictation of the state on this religious matter. On January 21, 1525, they met for prayer and guidance and in the course of the meeting they baptized one another. The group was comprised of average middle-class citizens of Zürich and in their number were such occupations as baker, tailor, bookseller, goldsmith, and cooper. They became known as the Swiss Brethren.

What was to be the impact of this "left-wing" Reformation group? In the words of a recent book on the Reformation, on the day when George Blaurock asked Conrad Grebel to baptize him and when Blaurock baptizes the rest of the small group, there was started an irrepressible conflict. The Anabaptists developed astonishing influence. They spread widely and numerous across Europe. Commonly springing from the depressed and the poor, they appealed to motives which were powerful in the rank and file. All the more, however, because their popularity was dangerous, they were persecuted with a ruthlessness which in the end almost obliterated them.²

While the Anabaptist reformers at Zürich and its environs were beginning to wield an influence, a similar yet independent movement was going on in the Netherlands. Certain followers of Luther began to deviate on questions such as the Lord's Supper. An Anabaptist group arose in Leeuwarden in the Netherlands where the brothers Obbe and Dirk Philips became leaders. The group led by these brothers had inner struggles with regard to the doctrines about the nature of the Kingdom of God and finally excommunicated those of its number at Münster who had views which they considered heretical and fanatical. Moreover, they even decided to have nothing to do with this group in spiritual or social intercourse. This incident is important in Anabaptist history for it marks the beginning of the practice of shunning or avoiding those who are excommunicated.³ Much of later Mennonite history, including the Amish division, is to be understood in the light of this practice and the doctrine upon which it is based.

It was during this early stage and crisis that Menno Simons (1496-1561), a former Roman Catholic priest, joined the movement. The date of his conversion from Catholicism was 1536 and took place in his native land of the Netherlands. Menno Simons labored in Holland for most of his life and his numerous writings have left a permanent impress on the Anabaptist movement in all its branches since that day. It was from Menno Simons that the term "Mennonite" originated and is today perhaps the most common term by which the present day descendants of the sixteenth century Anabaptists or Swiss Brethren are known.

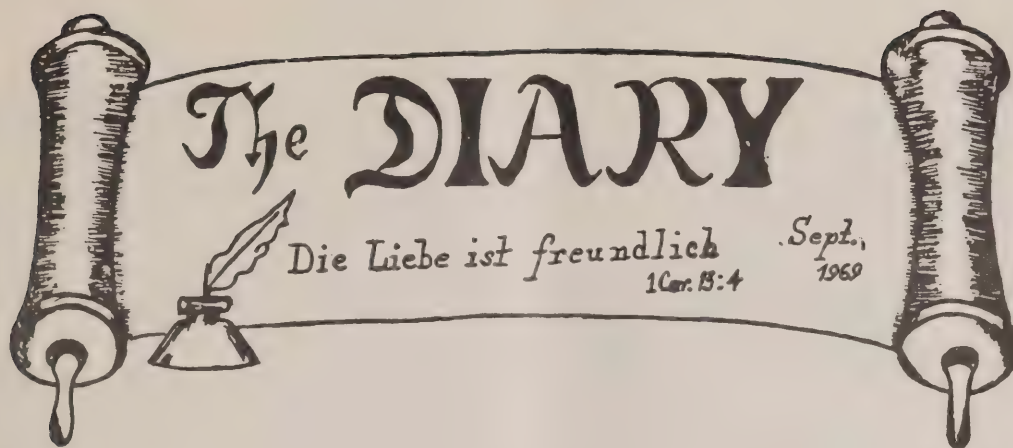
¹Horch, John, Mennonites in Europe, pp. 30-69, Scottdale, Pa., (1942); Bender, Harold S., Mennonite Origins in Europe, pp. 14-24, Akron, Pa. (1942).

²Fosdick, Harry Emerson, Great Voices of the Reformation, p. 283, New York, (1952).

³Horch, John, "The Rise of Mennonitism in the Netherlands," The Mennonite Quarterly Review, VIII, pp. 147-165 (October, 1934).
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CHILD BURNED TO DEATH IN BARN FIRE

Samuel, three-year-old son of Amos K. and Rachel Fisher King, 352 Gridley Road, Lancaster, Pennsylvania died Friday, October 3 at 9:30 p.m. at Osteopathic Hospital of shock due to 2nd and 3rd degree burns over 90 per cent of his body. The King child and his two-year-old cousin, who escaped unharmed, were playing in the milkhouse when an explosion of unknown origin ignited his clothes and set the barn of fire. The hay and tobacco filled barn was a total loss but the silo and other buildings were saved.

ANGRY BEES AT A FUNERAL

During the funeral services for Lydia Stoltzfus, held at the home of her son Bennie S. Stoltzfus, Charlotte Hall, Maryland a taxi driver was resting in his car behind the barn when he noticed a rumpus among the horses that were tied to trees in a grove a little distance from the barn. The one horse was tied close to the bee hives, close enough that he could have switched it with his tail. The bees became stirred up and attacked the horses, who became frenzied and began screaming and tearing at their ropes. The taxi driver told someone who had gone to the house and she hurried to the barn where the funeral was being held and whispered to the boys through a side door, "The bees are at the horses." It did not take several bench rows of boys and some men long to jump out the side door and run for the horses. One horse was already so far stunned that they had a hard time to get him away. Several were pulling so hard on the ropes that they cut the ropes to free them. The boys and men grabbed blankets out of buggies and carriages to cover their heads for protection. Fighting bees and hanging on to the ropes of the leaping, charging, frenzied horses they brought them down to the forbay where they sprayed them with aerosol bombs and fly sprayers. Some that saw the whole thing said they never saw anything like it, it was quite a show. Some horses came loose, running with their harness under them, leaping and tossing their heads, another had a bareheaded boy on the end of the rope, trying to control the horse and fighting angry bees. One boy was badly stung and was taken to the doctor but soon recovered. Three of the horses were much worse than the others, two were bleeding out of their noses, (one had knocked his head under the forbay). The veterinarian was called and he gave them shots, but by the next morning two were dead. The other one recovered but lost the tip of his ear where the bees were on so thick. The barn where the funeral was held was a little distance away from all this excitement but the screams of the horses and the shouts of the men and boys could easily be heard. Many of us wondered what was going on. A fire of bur-lap bags and paper was made to smoke to keep the bees from the house and the yard and they did not cause any trouble after the services.

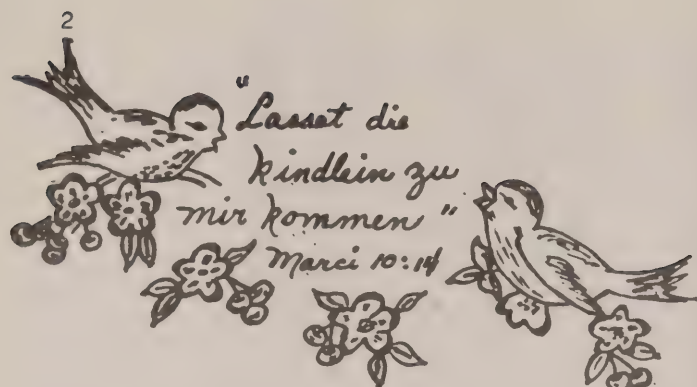
INDIANA BOY PARALYZED FROM INJURIES

Jonas, 18 year-old son of Amos and Barbara Schwartz Graber was in a buggy-car accident. He was going home crossing State Road 37 when a car hit him and dragged him a short distance. He is paralyzed from the waist down and his one arm he can't use too well. They were giving him therapy. He spent six weeks at the hospital.

MARYLAND BARN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING, BURNS TO GROUND

On September 2, the barn on the farm owned by Rufus Hostetler, and farmed by his son Jacob, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. There was no stock on the barn at the time, but all his hay and straw and most of his harness burned. His grain was stored in another building. A temporary shelter was erected until the new barn is ready.

Let us remember our bereaved ones in prayer



BIRTHS

Mossley R.1, Ontario, Canada
 Kaufman, John (Katie Miller a son
 JOHN JR., September 2
 Mifflin County, Pennsylvania
 Peachey, Rufan A. Jr. (Fannie Kauffman)
 Belleville, Pa. a daughter _____ Sept. 19
 Riverside, Iowa, Route 1, Box 37
 Miller, William D. (Mattie Borntrager)
 a son LARRY LEE, September 5
 Johnson County, Iowa
 Hershberger, Willis (Rachel Kauffman)
 a son LE ROY, September 12
 Yoder, Melvin (Lizzie Mast) a dau, Sept.?

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Kinsinger, Samuel A. (Effie Summy) a STILLBORN DAUGHTER, September 27
 Peachy, Alvin (Susie Schrock) a son RAYMOND, September 15

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Peachey, Isaac (Rachel Peachey) a son SAMUEL T., September 7
 Swarey, Christ (Alta Byler) a daughter SYLVIA, September 16
 Yoder, Dan J. (Edna Weaver) a son EMORY, September 19

New Haven, Indiana

Hilty, Joe K. (Elizabeth Miller) a daughter AMANDA KATHRYN
 Miller, Sam J. (Martha Lengacher) a son _____
 Schwartz, Rudy (Lydiann Schwartz) a son _____
 Wagler, Victor (Marie Gerig) a son _____
 Zehr, Henry (Kathryn Schmucker) a son _____

Davies County, Indiana

Graber, Enos (Mary Wagler) R2 Loogootee, Ind. a son _____ September 30
 Graber, Fred (Lillie Stoll) R1 Montgomery, a daughter NORMA RUTH, September 11
 Graber, Lloyd (Sylvia Wagler) R2 Loogootee, a son _____ September 27
 Knepp, David (Wanda Wagler) R1 Montgomery, a daughter LISA, September 18
 Knepp, Ray (Verda Knepp) R1 Montgomery, twin daughters DELILAH JEAN & DELORES ANN, Sept. 9
 Wagler, Mr. and Mrs. John E., a son NORMAN JAY, August 24, R2, Box 83, Loogootee, Indiana
 Wagler, Levi (Lydia Graber) R2 Loogootee, a son WALLACE, September 19

LaGrange County, Indiana

Beechy, David (Alma Miller) R2 Topeka, a son HARLEY, September 1
 Bontrager, Crist (Mary Miller R2 Topeka, a daughter KATHRYN, August 30
 Bontrager, Wilbur (Esther Lehman) R1 Topeka, a son ALTON LEE, August 30
 Eash, Freeman D. (Waneta Miller) R1 Shipshewana, a son HOMER, August 22
 Jones, Larry (Mary Bontrager) R1 Shipshewana, a son DANIEL JAY, September 8
 Kuhns, Alvin L. (Verna Mae Lehman) R2 Shipshewana, a son WILBUR DEAN, August 26
 Miller, Floyd U. (Anna Yoder) R1 LaGrange, a son JOHN, September 2
 Miller, Melvin Wayne (Irene E. Bontrager) R1 Shipshewana, a daughter LINDA KAY, Sept. 16
 Miller, Perry E (Arlene Lehman) R2 Topeka, a daughter KETHRYN, September 17
 Miller, Orva M. (Ada Yoder) R1 Shipshewana, a daughter LORENE, September 18
 Otto, Fred M. (Mary J. Miller) R1 Middlebury, a daughter SUSIE, August 26
 Schrock, Clarence (May Miller) R2 Topeka, a daughter _____ September 8
 Troyer, Andrew (Mary Miller) R2 Topeka, a daughter LORETTA, August 31
 Weaver, David Jr. (Martha Schrock) R1 Topeka, a son MAYNARD, September 3
 Yoder, Harry A. (Sue Beechy) R1 Millersburg, a daughter IDA MAE, September 13

Adams County, Indiana

Eicher, Mr. and Mrs. Sam F. Eicher R1, Box 15, Geneva Ind. a son NATHANIEL E., August 10
 Schwartz, Mr. and Mrs. Amos M. Schwartz R1 Geneva, Ind. a son SOLOMON, August 31

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Lantz, Aaron (Mary Peachey) Myerstown R2 Pa. a daughter SADIE MAE, September 8, 1969



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Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Gideon S. (Mary K. Stoltzfus) 115 Horseshoe Rd. Leola, a son CHRIST J., Sept. 27
 Blank, John R. (Barbara Glick) R1 Christiana, a daughter BARBARA, September 29
 Esh, Emanuel S. (Ida Kauffman) R1 Paradise, a STILLBORN DAUGHTER, September 26
 Esh, Jonas (Fannie Zook) 534 Willow Rd. Lancaster, a daughter, HANNAH, September 27
 Esh, Jonathan (Malinda Lapp) Soudersburg, a son DANIEL, September 1
 Esch, David (Sylvia Esh) R3 Lititz, a son DAVID, September 24
 Fisher, Benuel B. (Esther Fisher) R1 Paradise, a son _____ September 20
 Fisher, Daniel M. (Sadie S. Petersheim) R1 Strasburg, A daughter NAOMI P., September 15
 Fisher, David S. (Lydia K. Fisher) R1 Paradise, a son JOHN L., September 14
 Fisher, John E. (Annie L. Stoltzfus) R1 Ronks, a daughter RACHEL ANN, September 1
 Fisher, Levi J. (Rachel S. Miller) R3 Quarryville, a daughter NAOMI M., September 26
 Fisher, Samuel E. (Annie S. Glick) R1 Ronks, a son SOLOMON, September 2
 Glick, Daniel K. (Emma S. Stoltzfus) 88 Geist Rd. Lancaster, a daughter FANNIE S., Sept. 16
 Glick, David A. (Barbara Fisher) R1 Kinzers, a daughter, KATIE ANN, September 19
 Glick, David I. (Dora K. Glick) R1 Gap, a son JOHNNY E., September 10
 Glick, Stephen R. (Rachel Beiler) R1 Leola, a son DANIEL B., September 9 (Died Sept. 11)
 Huyard, Levi (Mary Miller) R1 New Holland, a daughter SARAH E., September 5
 King, Enos Jr. (Rachel S. Stoltzfus) R3 Quarryville, a son DAVID S., September 13
 King, Henry S. (Nancy Riehl) R3 Ephrata, a son HENRY, September 11
 Lapp, Stephen (Rebecca Fisher) R1 Gordonville, a daughter KATIE, September 28
 Riehl, Levi E. (Malinda King) R2 Honey Brook, a son MERVIN, September 16
 Smucker, Joseph (Naomi K. Smucker) R1 East Earl, a daughter ANNA S., September 24
Stoltzfoos, Moses G. (Suville Kauffman) R1 Ronks, a son DANIEL, September 19
 Stoltzfus, Aaron E. (Sarah K. Esh) R1 Leola, a daughter, FANNIE E., September 15
 Stoltzfus, Ben K. (Anna S. Stoltzfus) R1 Gordonville, a son _____ September 22
 Stoltzfus, Daniel (Malinda Fisher) R1 Honey Brook, a son SAMUEL, September 28
 Stoltzfus, Eli B. (Mima Stoltzfus) R1 Gap, a daughter MARY, September 2
 Stoltzfus, Elmer (Naomi Lantz) R1 Kinzers, a daughter SUSANNA, September 9
 Stoltzfus, Enos S. (Mary F. Stoltzfus) 2366 Horseshoe Rd. Lancaster, a dau MARY, Sept. 2
 Stoltzfus, John J. (Ada Glick) R1 Honey Brook, a son GIDEON, September 20
 Stoltzfus, Levi R. (Lydia Stoltzfus) R1 Gap, a son DANIEL L., September 1
 Stoltzfus, Melvin (Ruth Smucker) Talmage, a son RAYMOND JAY, September 20
 Stoltzfus, Moses K. (Leah King) R1 Ronks, a daughter LYDIA RUTH, September 26
 Stoltzfus, Samuel K. (Lydia S. Beiler) R1 Kirkwood, a son STEPHEN B., September 7
 Stoltzfus, Samuel L. (Malinda K. Esh) R1 Bird-in-Hand, a daughter KATIE E., September 2
 Zook, David B. (Lydiann Beiler) R1 Kinzers, a son MARK ALLEN, August 29
 Zook, John S. (Sadie King) R3 Quarryville, a daughter MARY September 30

MARRIAGES

Kansas: Mary Edna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tobe R. Schrock and Glen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi M. Helmuth, married September 25, 1969
 Daviess County, Indiana: Glen, son of Joel and Maggie Graber R1 Montgomery and Betty, daughter of Ben Weaver R2 Loogootee by Bishop Chriss Otto of Sullivan, Illinois on September 18
 Frank, son of Louis and Anna Barbara Wagler R1 Montgomery and Esther, daughter of Bishop Joe L. and Martha Graber R1 Odon by Bishop Ben E. Wagler on September 27
 Ivan Knepp and Bertha Graber, August 31 by Bishop Joe L. Graber

Holmes County, Ohio

Alvin A. Yoder, son of Abe J. Yoder and Ruth J., daughter of Joseph Beachy were married on September 6th by Bishop Roy L. Schlabach

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Roy, son of Henry and Jemima (Zook) Kinsinger, Meyersdale, Pa. married to Susie, daughter of Henry and Lydia Hersherberger, Smicksburg, Pa. at the home of the bride.

OBITUARIES

Ruth, wife of Cornelius J. Eash aged 35 years, and 9 months of LaGrange, Indiana
 Ruth Ilene, daughter of Menno and Elizabeth (Eicher) Graber was born Dec. 30, 1934, died Sept. 30, 1969. She was married on Dec. 23, 1954 and lived in matrimony 14 yrs. 9 mo. and 7 days. There are 9 children: Melvin 13, Rosanna 12, Wilma 11, Marion, Neomi 7, Pauline 4, Sylvan 3, Allen 2 and Christina 1. Her death was caused by cancer.

Esh Infant

The infant daughter of Emanuel S. and Ida Kauffman Esh of Paradise R1 was born dead at St. Joseph's Hospital, Friday, Sept. 26. A brother Stephen and a sister Mary Ann survive.

Glick Infant

Daniel B. Glick, two-day- old son of Stephen R. and Rachel Beiler Glick, R1 Leola, Penna. died Thursday, Sept. 11. Maternal grandparents are Joseph and Sadie (Smucker) Beiler and Paternal grandparents are Daniel S. and Barbara (Stoltzfus) Glick.

Services were held by Amos Stoltzfus, hymn read by Benuel King, at graveyard by Eli Stoltzfus, burial in Upper Millcreek Cemetery (obituaries continued on page 6)



BAPTISMS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Lower Pequea District by Bish Sam F. Stoltzfus, Sept. 14
Sadie, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Esh) Fisher; Anna, daughter of Christ and Katie (Hertzler) Lapp; Anna, daughter of Amos and Emma (Allgyer) Zook

Kinzers District by John S. Glick on September 14
Anna, daughter of John K. and Annie (Smucker) Lapp; Sarah, daughter of John S. and Betsy (Zook) Beiler; Arie, daughter of Stephen S. and Katie (Glick) Fisher; Malinda and Mima, twin daughters of John S. and Malinda (Beiler) Zook; Susie, daughter of Henry and Sadie (Smucker) Fisher; Lydia Ann daughter of Samuel A. and Mary (Smucker) Esh.

Lower Millcreek, Centerville by Amos E. King on September 14

Andy, son of Christ and Salina (King) Stoltzfus; Amos, son of Jacob and Barbara (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; John son of Isaac and Sadie (Stoltzfus) Lapp; Benuel, son of Jonathan and Lizzie (Esh) Kauffman; Mary, daughter of Jonathan and Lizzie (Esh) Kauffman; Sarah, daughter of Alvin and Mary (Beiler) Fisher;

Upper Pequea, Greenland District by John M. Beiler on September 14

Amos, son of John and Barbara (Esh) Fisher; John, son of Joseph and Lydia (Zook) King; Bennie, son of Christ and Jemima (Zook) Zook; Daniel son of Katie Stoltzfus; Eli son of Jacob and Katie (Beiler) Lapp; Isaac, son of Sarah King; Amos, son of Abram K. and Sarah (Beiler) King; Henry son of Jacob and Katie (Beiler) Lapp; Mary, daughter of Isreal and Susie (King) Smoker; Mary, daughter of David and Jemima (Beiler) Glick; Lydia, daughter of Isaac and Rebecca (Beiler) Ebersole; Annie, daughter of Christ and Jemima (Zook) Zook; Barbara, daughter of John L. and Arie (Smucker) Stoltzfus; Leah, daughter of Isaac and Emma (Fisher) Kauffman; Annie, daughter of Jacob and Katie (Beiler) Lapp.

Upper Pequea, Strasburg District by Christ M. Fisher on September 14

Bennie, son of Ephraim J. and Sarah (Beiler) Esch; Mary, Daughter of Jacob and Rachel (Stoltzfus) King; Ruth, daughter of Levi H. and Rebecca (Fisher) Fisher; Sylvia, daughter of Ephraim J. and Sarah (Beiler) Esch.

Georgetown West District by Amos L. Beiler on September 14

Omar, son of Enos and Sadie (Riehl) Petersheim

Mt. Pleasant District by Joel Zook on September 14

Isaac, son of Joel and Mary (King) Zook; Joseph, son of Joseph and Mattie (Esh) Fisher; Jonathan, son of Leroy and Malinda (Esh) Stoltzfus; Daniel, son of Benjamin and Naomi (Stoltzfus) Beiler; Stephen, son of Joseph and Mattie (Esh) Fisher; Bennie, son of Joel and Mary (King) Zook; Amos, son of Daniel and Barbara (King) Smucker; Jonas, son of Daniel and Barbara (King) Smucker; Barbara, daughter of Levi and Sarah (Fisher) Stoltzfus; Sylvia, daughter of Aaron and Sadie (Esh) Fisher; Anna, daughter of Christian and Mary (Stoltzfus) Riehl; Rachel, daughter of Leroy and Malinda (Esh) Stoltzfus.

East Upper Millcreek District, Talmage (Benjamin S. Lapp) on September 21

Benuel, son of Lizzie King; Jonathan, son of Jerry and Mattie (Miller) Stoltzfus; David, son of Jesse and Annie (Beiler) Stoltzfus; Levi, son of David and Bena (Stoltzfus) Glick; Lizzie, daughter of Elam and Malinda (Esh) King; Lydia, daughter of Amos and Mary (Fisher) Lapp; Priscilla, daughter of Sam and Malinda (Fisher) Stoltzfus.

South Honey Brook District by John F. Glick on September 21

Lavina, daughter of Amos L. and Ada (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Priscilla, daughter of Benuel S. and Katie (Stoltzfus) King; Malinda, daughter of Emanuel F. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Mary, daughter of John L. and Rebecca (King) Fisher; Katie, daughter of Levi A. and Katie (Beiler) Stoltzfus; Sarah, daughter of Emanuel F. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus.

Lower Pequea North District by Gideon M. Stoltzfus on September 21

David and Levi, sons of Lloyd and Mattie (King) Beiler; Gideon, son of Elam and Mary (Dienner) Beiler; John, son of Norman and Fannie (King) Beiler; Stephen, son of Amos and Lavina (Stoltzfus) Petersheim; John Jr., son of John and Sylvia (Zook) Stoltzfus; John, son of Dan and Miriam (King) Stoltzfus; Sallie, daughter of Dan and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Fisher.

Limeville District by Sam F. Stoltzfus on September 21

Amos, son of Emanuel and Leah (Dienner) Zook; Gideon, son of Omar and Sadie (Fisher) Stoltzfus; Eli, son of Daniel and Susie (Smucker) Dienner; Malinda, daughter of Amos E. and Mary (Fisher) Stoltzfus; Ruth, daughter of Emanuel and Leah (Dienner) Zook.

Lower Pequea District, Cattail by Jonathan King on September 21

Moses, son of John U. and Sylvia (Lapp) Lapp; Joseph, son of Moses and Sarah (Blank) Zook; Leroy, son of Jonathan and Sarah (Smucker) King; David, son of John and Emma (Glick) Zook; David, son of Aaron and Emma (King) King; Jacob, son of John and Emma (Glick) Zook; Lydia, daughter of Emanuel and Rebecca (Lapp) King; Verna, daughter of John and Sylvia (Lapp) Lapp; Anna, daughter of Joseph and Sadie (Smucker) Beiler; Susie, daughter of John and Emma (Glick) Zook; Lydia, daughter of David and Annie (Zook) Ebersole;

Lower Millcreek District by Amos E. King on September 21

David, son of David Z. and Mary (Beiler) Fisher; David, son of Elias and Emma (Beiler) King; Barbara, daughter of Jesse and Susie (Fisher) King; Rebecca, daughter of Levi and Rebecca (King) King; Leah, daughter of Isaac and Rachel (Beiler) Lantz; Lydia, daughter of Daniel and Leah (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Mary, daughter of Daniel Z. and Mary (Beiler) Fisher.

Millcreek District by Enos M. Beiler on September 21

Elam, son of Menno and Emma (Lapp) Stoltzfus; Bennie, son of Aaron and Mary (Stoltzfus) Glick; Samuel, son of Enos and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Beiler; Emanuel, son of John and Annie (Lapp) Miller; Henry, son of Samuel and Annie (King) Fisher; Isaac, son of John and Sarah (King) Esh; Abram, son of David and Leah (Beiler) Ebersole; Dannie, son of Daniel and Mima (Zook) King; Levi, son of Amos and Fannie (Renno) Miller; Menno, son of Menno and Emma (Lapp) Stoltzfus; Lizzie, daughter of Enos and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Beiler; Annie, daughter of Samuel and Annie (King) Fisher; Anna, daughter of John and Lizzie (Riehl) Stoltzfus; Katie, daughter of David and Rachel (Zook) Glick.

Upper Middle Pequea District, Weaverstown by Aaron Y. Beiler on September 21

Amos, son of John Y. and Lizzie (Blank) Beiler; John, son of Jonas L. and Annie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; John, son of Jacob L. and Leah (Stoltzfus) Riehl; Levina, daughter of Aaron Y. and Lena (Stoltzfus) Beiler; Mary, daughter of Aaron E. and Malinda (King) Stoltzfus; Barbara, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Barbara, daughter of Jonas L. and Annie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Leah, daughter of Leroy K. and Leah (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus.

Middle Pequea District, East Intercourse by Daniel E. Stoltzfus on September 21

Mike, son of David and Susie (Riehl) Stoltzfus; Amos, son of Stephen and Rebecca (King) Stoltzfus; David, son of Ben T. and Emma (Esh) Fisher; Ivan, son of Paul and Annie (Zook) Fisher; David, son of Paul and Annie (Zook) Fisher; Lydia, daughter of Benueel and Lydia (King) Stoltzfus; Sarah, daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Lapp) Esh; Fannie, daughter of Ben T. and Emma (Esh) Fisher; Rebecca, daughter of Stephen and Rebecca (King) Stoltzfus; Rebecca, daughter of Abram and Esther (Fisher) King;

Upper Pequea District, Soudersburg by Christ M. Fisher on September 21

Amos, son of Sylvan and Mima (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; David, son of Gideon and Mary (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Samuel, son of Ben S. and Salome (Fisher) Fisher; Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel S. and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Fisher; Elizabeth, daughter of Gideon and Mary (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Salome, daughter of Sylvan and Mima (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Annie, daughter of David and Emma (King) King.

Nine Points District by Samuel Kauffman on September 21

John, son of Samuel S. and Sarah (Kauffman) Lapp; Levi, son of Jacob and Barbara (Beiler) Zook; Bennie, son of Eli P. and Fannie (Blank) Esh; Mattie, daughter of Samuel S. and Sarah (Kauffman) Lapp; Katie, daughter of Menno B. and Lizzie (Esh) Beiler; Fannie, daughter of Samuel and Fannie (Blank) Stoltzfus; Barbara, daughter of Eli P. and Fannie (Blank) Esh.

Kirkwood District by David Riehl on September 21

Joshua and Benjamin, sons of Benjamin and Anna (Lapp) Stoltzfus; Aquilla and Stephen, sons of David and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Riehl; Christian and William, sons of Jacob and Mary (Beiler) Hersberger; Elam, son of Henry and Annie (Glick) Stoltzfus; Jacob, son of Samuel K. and Mary (Miller) Stoltzfus; John and Levi, sons of Samuel U. and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Stephen, son of Samuel and Mary (Riehl) Stoltzfus; Enos, son of John and Annie (King) Stoltzfus; Benjamin, son of Stephen and Lydia (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Isreal, son of John K. and Rachel (Fisher) Stoltzfus; Priscilla and Mary, daughters of Jonas and Fannie (Fisher) Stoltzfus; Rebecca, daughter of Andy and Katie (Beiler) Stoltzfus; Sarah, daughter of Levi and Rachel (Esh) Beiler; Mattie, daughter of Jonas and Fannie (Lapp) Zook.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

By Bishop Tobe Petersheim and Deacon Isreal Zook on September 7

Aquilla, son of Sam J. Peachey; Roman, son of Eli Troyer; John, son of Andy Weaver; Ezra and Enos, sons of Enos Swarey; Daniel, son of Menno Swarey; Mattie, daughter of David Y. Renno; Mary, daughter of Abe Troyer; Katie, daughter of Abe P. Weaver; Lena, daughter of Sam Swarey; Ella, daughter of Enos Swarey.

St. Mary's County, Maryland

East District by Samuel J. Stoltzfus on September 14

Isreal, son of Chris Swarey; Joe, son of Bennie Stoltzfus; Enos, son of Isaac Hertzler; Sammie, son of Benueel Stoltzfus; Elam, son of Jacob Swarey; Andy, son of Thomas Swarey; Bennie, son of Chris Swarey; Salina, daughter of Daniel Zook; Lizzie, daughter of Aaron Hertzler; Katie, daughter of Daniel Zook; Bena, daughter of Levi Yoder; Fannie, daughter of Samuel J. Stoltzfus.

West District by Samuel J. Stoltzfus on September 21

Johnny and Christie, sons of Steve Kurtz; Sammie and Johnny, sons of Sam Y. Beiler; John, son of Isaac Fisher; Rachel, daughter of Chris Z. Byler; Lizzie, daughter of Sammie S. Stoltzfus; Mary, daughter of Mose Hostetler; Fannie daughter of Sol L. Yoder

BAPTISMS (continued)**Holmes County, Ohio**

Bishop Levi J. Hostetler District by Bishop Enos Swartzentruber of Kalona, Iowa
Arie and Mary, daughters of Robert Troyer; Arie and Mary, daughters of Jonas Schrock;
Betty, daughter of Ervin Gingerich; Ella, daughter of Wyman Schlabach; Edna, daughter of
Roy Hershberger; Barbara, daughter of Ervin Ginerich; Ada, daughter of Alvin Gingerich;
Wilma, daughter of Mrs. Mahlon Gingerich; Elsie, daughter of Eli A. Yoder.

East (Bamma Dan) District by Bishop Mahlon Hostetler
Willis, son of David E.M. Miller; Susan, daughter of David E.M. Miller; Priscilla, daughter
of Henry M. Yoder; Fannie, daughter of Levi A. C. Troyer; Fannie, daughter of Albert Erb.

LaGrange, Indiana

North East Emma District #41 by Andy J. Schrock on September 21
Marvin and Mary Schrock, step children of Tobe L. Yoder; Leanna E. Miller, daughter of
Ervin A. Miller.

South East Emma District by Will A. Yoder on September 14
Amos and Perry, sons of Yost S. Lehman

East Clearspring District by Amos Yoder on September 7
Wayne C., son of Clarence Yoder; Lizzie Ann, daughter of Mrs. Millie Miller; Naomi, daughter
of Joe E. Miller

Mt. Elgin, Ontario, Canada

August 24

Ada, daughter of Joe C. and Mattie H. (Borntrager) Bontreger; Mary, daughter of Henry and
Elizabeth (Mast) Miller; Mattie, daughter of Ed and Elizabeth (Yoder) Stutzman.

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada

September 7

Raymond Mast, Raymond Marner, Anna Miller, Anne Bowser, Esther Graber and Tina Fehr.

OBITUARIES (continued from page 3)

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Glick, aged 47 years, 10 months and 13 days of Intercourse, Pa.

Elizabeth, wife of Menno R. Glick died Sept. 13 at her home after a lengthy illness.
She was a daughter of Mary Lapp Zook and the Late Jonas Zook. There are 2 daughters, Mary,
wife of Jonas B. Stoltzfus, R1 Ronks and Miss Leah Glick at home. She has 3 sisters, Katie,
wife of David R. King, Ronks R1; Susie, wife of Henry D. Stoltzfus, Narvon R1; Miss Leah
Zook, Bird-in-Hand and 2 half-sisters Mary and Mattie King of Bird-in-Hand.

Funeral services were held Sept. 15 by Lloyd Beiler and Emanuel Zook, burial at Myers.

Glen L. Raber, 18 Years, 7 months and 24 days of LaGrange, Indiana

Glen L., son of Levi J. and Amelia (Yoder) Raber was born Jan. 21, 1951, died Sept.
14, 1969. He was riding with a horse and buggy and when crossing Rd. 5 a pick up truck
coming from the north hit the the buggy throwing Glenn out, killing him instantly.

Mrs. Nancy (King) Smucker, aged 87 years, 6 months and 2 days of R1 Gap, Penna.

Her first husband, Jacob King died March 28, 1943 and her second husband, Jacob
Smucker died April 6, 1959. Funeral services were held at Mose D. Stoltzfus (a niece) by
Benuel Fisher and D. Ira Stoltzfus, burial in Millwood Cemetery

Stoltzfus Infant

An infant son of Jonas and Annie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus R1 Bird-in-Hand died shortly
after birth on September 30. Brothers and sisters are: Sarah, wife of David Lantz, Stras.
John, Barbara, Katie, Anna, Rachel, Emma, Naomi, Rebecca Joseph, Fannie and Amos at home.

Lydia Stoltzfus, aged 79 years, 6 months and 24 days of Charlotte Hall, Maryland

Lydia, wife of the late Ben L. Stoltzfus, died on Sept. 3. She was one of the pioneers
of this settlement, having moved to Md. on Jan. 16, 1940. She was born in Lanc. Co. Pa. on
Feb. 7, 1890. Her husband died in 1951. Surviving are 4 sons and 4 daughters: Mary, wife
of Elam D. Stoltzfus, Mechanicsville, Md.; Hannah, wife of Dan L. Stoltzfus, Narvon, Pa.;
Steven, Honey Brook, Pa.; Samuel J., Charlotte Hall, Md.; Moses, Gettysburg, Pa.; Susie,
wife of Jacob Swarey, Charlotte Hall, Md.; Benjamin S., Charlotte Hall, Md.; Lydia, wife of
Chris Swarey. Services by John S. Stoltzfus and Ben Kauffman, both of Christiana.

Mrs. Joseph Zehr, aged 88 years, 7 months and 2 days of New Haven, Indiana

She died from a coronary heart attack. Services by Bishop Sam J. Grabill and Menno
Hilty, burial in the Amish Cemetery near Grabill. In Nov. they would have been married 67 yrs.

Accident at Wolcottville, Indiana

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kurtz, R2 Topeka, Mrs. Charles Lambright, R4 LaGrange, Mrs. Wm Miller,
R1 LaGrange, Mrs. Ben Kurtz, LaGrange with Mrs. Barbara Miller as driver were on their way to
Rome City. When driving through Wolcottville, around a small curve they hit a tree. Mrs.
Chris Kurtz had 2 broken arms, 1 broken leg and several broken ribs. Mrs. Charles Lambright
had a broken arm and bruises. Mrs. Wm Miller had a broken nose and minor injuries. Mrs. Ben
Kurtz was also admitted to the hospital but soon released and the other two were not injured

September derives its name from the latin word Septem, (seven), as this was the seventh month of the Old Roman Year. The Autumnal Equinox occurs in this Month.

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Iowa City, Iowa

Weather has been ideal through September with a shower now and then. No frost so far. Silo filling is well under way.

Haven, Kansas

We had nice weather all summer and nice rain. It is a little dry at the present time and we could use a good rain. Farmers are sowing wheat and filling silos and making 4th crop of hay. Maize fields look good and will soon be ready to harvest.

Mt. Elgin, Ontario, Canada

We had ideal threshing weather and a good crop of grain. Corn looks promising. We have had very little rain in the last four weeks. Hay was also a good crop with good haying weather, although we had a few scattered showers.

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada

We had a frost on Monday morning, September 29, but still are having dry weather. Tomatoes have reached the end of the season. Most of the silos are filled and some have begun husking corn. Occasionally the wolves are seen.

Daviess County, Indiana

The weather has been dry during September with very little rain. Corn is being harvested with an exceptionally good yield. Some wheat has been sown. Temperature averages are cooler than usual.

Holmes County, Ohio

Our weather is on the cool side. We had a nice rain on September 24th when it rained about all day. Most of the people were glad as it was getting dry. Farmers are getting ready to sow wheat and barley and are busy filling silos but most of them are filled. The leaves are starting to change color and fall off. It looks like an early Fall.

St. Mary's County, Maryland

We had very little rain during September, about one inch. The farmers put in a lot of hay without rain. The nights were mostly cool and the days very nice. It feels like Fall.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

We had nice weather with plenty of moisture. Corn is a very good crop with silos filled to the brim. There is still some hay made but is poor drying weather. With weeds and wet weather some of the oats that was left to combine is a total loss.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

September came in warm with 1.5 inches of rain. The first day the temperature was 104 degrees around noon time. The latter part has cooled off some, especially at night, fog nearly every morning. Lots of wheat is sowed but some to sow yet. Silo filling is done. A few farmers have started husking corn. There was no killing frost yet.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Crops and garden vegetables are all good to excellent. There were no frosts during September but much fog. Temperatures were below normal. Rainfall below normal with a total of 2.36 inches for the month, a deficiency of .43 inches. Total rainfall for the year was 25.30 inches, a deficiency of 3.44 inches. Ground is dry and dusty for fall seeding which is on schedule.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Fields are beginning to look bare with tobacco all harvested and silos mostly filled. Farmers are beginning to husk corn. Both tobacco and corn are good crops. Corn is fairly dry and ready to crib. Farmers are getting ready to sow barley and wheat.

Beginning of the month weather was changeable with some nice days. There were a few cloudy and rainy days and some thunder showers. Most of the month was very nice September weather with a light frost on the 22nd and the 30th. Total rainfall for the East Intercourse area was 3.5 inches while the Bareville area had 4.4 inches.

Fowl price, Heavy \$.16, Light .11; Steers .31; Stockers .35; Fat Hogs .27½; New Corn \$1.30 a bu.; Wheat 1.35 a bu.; New Ear Corn \$23.00 a ton; Old Ear Corn \$44.00 a ton; Oats .75 a bu.; Barley .95 a bu.; Hay, Alfalfa \$35.00 a ton; Hay, Timothy 25.00 a ton; Mixed Hay 30.00 a ton; Straw 30.00 a ton.

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They were: Nickle Stoltzfus, Christian Stoltzfus. On the same date and list is a Hanes Schrag, bearer of a traditional Amish name.

On September 1, 1769, these persons with Amish names "did take and subscribe the usual qualifications":² Friedrich Roth, Johann Henrich Stophel Roth, Uli Schrack, Joseph Tschantz, Christian Roth. One of the above did not sign his name, making the usual cross mark instead.

A few more Amish names were to appear on these lists before the beginning of the Revolutionary War. These names were added to the register lists on September 30, 1774, and were as follows:³ Michel David Esch, Fabian Kurtz, Johann Anton Ruhl, Johann Jacob Roth.

On August 19, 1796, the following members of the Riehl family arrived:⁴ Conrad Riehl, Catherine Riehl, Jean Riehl, George Adam Riehl, Catherine Riehl.

The last group of Amish names to be registered on this immigration list consisted of three names added on September 10, 1804:⁵ Jonathan Each, Maria Magdalena Each, Joseph Hertzberger.

The historian must rely on these lists alone for information about the Amish people as they entered the port at Philadelphia. By far most of them were able to sign their names. The number who were unable to make a signature and who made a cross-mark instead seems to be in about the proportion as the general run of those who made up the numerous lists. The Amish immigrant was probably about as literate as the "average" immigrant. As for the number of Amish, counting unregistered woman and children, who migrated to colonial Pennsylvania in the eighteenth century no exact figure can be ascertained. Dr. C. Henry Smith states, "The entire number of Amish immigrants to Pennsylvania during the eighteenth century, it will be observed, was not large--perhaps not over five-hundred souls all told."⁶ Even if one allows for a certain incompleteness in the listings, it is doubtful of the number of Amish who came to America in the eighteenth century was greatly in excess of five-hundred.

THE PLANTING OF THE FIRST AMISH MENNONITE COMMUNITIES IN AMERICA

Besides family records, deeds, some personal memoirs, and a few church records the Amish people did little to record the facts about their existence in America for the first century and a half. In 1902 Jonathan K. Hartzler wrote an article for the Herald of Truth, a Mennonite Church periodical, and in it he reviewed the growth of the Amish churches in Pennsylvania, chiefly during the previous fifty years but also before that.⁷ In tabulating the memberships of the various churches as they were in 1900 he states,

These Pennsylvania churches are the offspring, mainly, of three churches founded in the wilderness of eastern Pennsylvania about one hundred and fifty years ago, when the Indian yet roamed in our forests. One of these, and so far as I have been able to ascertain, the first of all was at Hamburg, Berks County, its elder being Jacob Hertzler, who fled from persecution in Switzerland, thence to France and in 1749 to America.

In the Memoirs of David Beiler (1786-1871) the early churches are listed.⁸ Beiler names the Conestoga congregation as the first and oldest though in this he is evidently mistaken since tax lists, deeds, and gravestone markings of members of the Hamburg or Northkill congregation are older than those of Conestoga as will be shown below. He estimates the oldest congregation in America to have been started around 1730 or 1735.⁹

¹Ibid., p. 712.

²Ibid., pp. 725, 726.

³Ibid., pp. 759, 760.

⁴Ibid.; III, p. 87.

⁵Ibid., p. 149.

⁶Smith, C. Henry, *op. cit.*, p. 240.

⁷Hartzler, Jonathan K., "Fifty Years in the Amish Mennonite Churches of Pennsylvania," Herald of Truth, pp. 163-164 (June 1, 1902).

⁸Beiler, David, *op. cit.*, p. 6.

⁹Ibid., p. 6. There is a tradition among Amish people that the first Amish family to come to America was that of a Barbara Yoder whose husband died at sea. With her family of nine children she is supposed to have moved to Oley Valley in eastern Berks County. The author of the Hertzler genealogy discusses this on pages 198 and 199 and provides what is perhaps the most substantial ground for this tradition. It seems that some of these children at least later married members of the Northkill community. In the Berks County Historical Society files at Reading, Pa., is a manuscript written in 1860 by a resident of Oley Valley, P. G. Bertolet. Entitled Fragments of the Past: Historical Sketches of Oley and Vicinity, it contains on page 8 these sentences, "The Yoders, a family of Swiss, made a settlement near Crooked Dam of the Manatawny. The precise date is difficult to ascertain, but they figure conspicuously in the early history of this place, and hence shall advert to them again in the following pages." In Croll's Annals of Oley Valley on page 81 Jost Yoder and Hans Yoder are referred to as taking up land in 1714. The Yoders who later figured in the life of the Oley Valley were not members of the Amish faith. Apparently they married Huguenots and at least one was a Revolutionary War soldier. Croll's Annals contain scattered references to the Yoders, but never as members of the Amish faith.

The Northkill Settlement

The historian who seeks for traces of this Amish congregation will find them among the tax lists, the deeds, and the drafts of tracts of land. Bern Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, tax lists of 1752, 1754, 1772, 1785, 1786, 1788, 1789, 1791, 1792, 1794, 1799, 1802, 1803, 1905, 1806, 1807, and 1809 contain Amish names to which Amish genealogists trace virtually all Amish family lines that can be traced to the eighteenth century.¹ Among the names on these tax lists are Christian King, Samuel King, John Holy (misspelling perhaps for Hookey), John Hershberger, Christian Yoder, Hans Lantz, John Fisher, John Kauffman, Christian Stutsman (Stutzman), Jacob Kofman (Kauffman), Jacob Stutsman, Jacob Beiler, Christian Kauffman, Christian Albrecht, Jacob Hertzler, Jacob Hochstetler, Hans Hochstetler, Christian Byler, Johannes Yoder, Stephen Kauffman, Isaac Kauffman, Jacob Mast, Mathias Naffziger, John Naffziger, Stephen Kurtz, Hanes Zuck, Jacob Yoder, Christian Hertzler, Christian Zuck, Christian Hershberger, Yost Yoder, John Mast, David Hertzler, Henry Mast, Peter Glick, Dan Glick, David Hershberger, Abraham Hershberger, Abraham Mast, and Christian Mast.

The deed books of Berks County, Pennsylvania, contain many of the above Amish names in Bern Township but with these additional: Christian Beiler;² Hans Kortz;³ Jacob Burkey;⁴ Morris Zook.⁵

A study of drafts of tracts of land in Bern Township, Berks County, reveals many of the same names as do the tax lists and deeds.⁶ A tract of land belonging to Christian Yoder was surveyed in Bern Township on April 10, 1766. It is bordered by land belonging to Jacob Hertzler and other land of Christian Yoder. Another draft of the same date, also bordered by Hertzler land contained three acres and a half. Both drafts are listed as original settlers.

Another draft states, "By virtue of a warrant dated the 9th day of January, 1750, surveyed the 9th day of November, 1762, to Jacob Hertzler the above described tract of land situate in Bern Township, Berks County containing one hundred and eighty-two acres and thirty perches and the allowance . . ." (Draft at this point is indistinct.) The land referred to in the draft is bordered by land of Christian Yoder, late Stephen Kauffman, and late Jacob Hertzler.

Another draft shows a resurvey of 170 acres, "by virtue of the warrants granted unto Jacob Hochstetter." The resurvey is dated May 6, 1788. Land belonging to John Kaufman borders the tract. Another draft shows three tracts of land warranted to Jacob Hochstetter. One is of 80 acres, another contains 111 acres, and a third contains 57 acres. All were surveyed on March 25, 1773. Land belonging to Christian Stutzman, Christian Courtz, and Melcher Detwiler border these tracts.

Another draft shows holdings of Jacob Beyler (Beiler). Warrants are dated December, 1737, and July, 1749.

A final draft to be preserved for posterity is one which shows a 59 acre tract with a warrant date of April 20, 1750, belonging to Johannes Lantz. A 90 acre tract, warranted in January, 1737, has the name of Jacob Masht (Mast) on it and a smaller warrant of 21 acres belongs to Jacob Kaufman. Christian Hershberger's land and John Masht's (Mast's) land adjoin. The document states that on March 22, 1808, the properties were resurveyed to Jn. Masht. It also states, "4 tracts returned May, 1808."

Few traces remain to give a picture of the kind of agricultural community life these pioneer settlers established. The tax lists of 1785 and 1791 list the number of horses and cows under the name of each person on the list. In nearly all cases there were two horses and two cows listed though in 1785 John Yoder was an exception to this in that he had four horses and three cows. As one compares these cattle holdings with those of the non-Amish neighbors there seems to be no noticeable difference. In this respect farmers on the Berks County frontier seemed to be on an equality. The Amish settlers of the Northkill area were part of a large community of German farmers. "Nine-tenths of the first settlers of Berks County were Germans."⁷

In 1783 a Dr. John Schoepf, surgeon of the German auxiliary troops in the services of England, 1776-1783, travelled through Berks County and recorded certain of his observations.⁸ He has been called "one of the most enlightened and unprejudiced foreign travellers in the United States." Dr. Schoepf notes a "methodical" agriculture among the farmers of northern

¹These tax lists are in a fine state of preservation at the Berks County Historical Society, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

²Berks County Deed Books, Vol. A 3, page 360. Year of deed: 1764. Grantor: John Gnage.

³Berks County Deed Books, Vol. 10, page 42. Year of deed: 1762. Kortz is listed as grantor of deed to Stephen Kurtz.

⁴Berks County Deed Books, Vol. A 2, page 169. Jacob Burkey is listed as deeding property to Christian Zug.

⁵Berks County Deed Books, Vol. 12, page 480. Year of deed: 1791. Grantor: William Garrett.

⁶Drafts referred to here were found in the files of the Berks Title Insurance Company, Reading, Pa.

⁷Rupp, I. D., History of Berks and Lebanon Counties, p. 95, Lancaster, Pa., (1844).

⁸Schoeff, Dr. John D., "Travels Through Berks County in 1783," Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, V, pp. 74-81, (1881).

Berks County and at points not too distant from the Amish settlement. He cites large stone houses and well-kept yards among the inhabitants who are mostly Germans and "who speak bad English and miserable German." He refers to the growing of buckwheat and the prevalence of oak trees. "America is a land of oaks." Dr. Schoepf states further that these farmers "flatter themselves that they can increase the fertility of the soil by introducing manuring with lime and gypsum." The country people in the neighborhood of Reading "are all well clothed and fed, and there are only a few among them who own less than 200 acres of land."

The will of Jacob Beiler dated July 19, 1765, is a source of further information on the farming activities of the times.¹ In it Beiler refers to a stable near the old house, cherry trees, a meadow, a hemp patch and rows of trees in an orchard. Wheat and rye are the grains mentioned. Flax was grown and there is a reference in the will to "20 bundles of straw." Dung was to be hauled for his widow and the land was to be plowed and harrowed. Mention is made of a first and second crop of hay and like the firewood for his widow the hay was to be carried under cover. Two cows and a hog are among the items bequeathed. That these early Amish farmers practiced diversity of enterprise may be gleaned from the fact that at two places in the will are references to a tanyard. A mortgage in Book A, page 454 of the records of the General Loan Office at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, refer to Beiler as a tanner. He mortgaged his farm for 200 pounds on May 18, 1774. The mortgage was satisfied on April 6, 1779.

Christian Miller's will refers to a bed and bedstead, a cow and two swine.² Wheat and rye are again mentioned together with two rows of apple trees and a cow in pasture. Miller closes the will with these words. "I ordain my trusty friends Jacob Hertzler and Christian Zuck as my executors of this my last will and testament with I witness with my hand and seal the 8th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one."

The size of the Northkill settlement is uncertain though Dr. C. Henry Smith's estimate of one-hundred fifty to two hundred may be a safe one.³

In the history of the Northkill settlement there is an incident that is widely known among the descendants of this settlement. Known as the Hostetler Massacre, it is best understood when seen in its larger setting as a phase of the French and Indian War. The Germans who settled southeastern Pennsylvania maintained, on the whole, a peaceful relation with the Indians until about 1755 or after Braddock's defeat. For some years after that date the Blue Mountain section of the Pennsylvania frontier became the scene of numerous assaults from the Indians. One report states that,

There swarmed amongst the frontier settlements of the Province hundreds of scalping parties, carrying death and destruction with them everywhere, whose work did not cease until the year 1783.

At this time the Blue Mountains practically marked the limit of actual settlement on the part of the white men, and it was along this range that the storm burst in all its fury. Standing as it did on the verge of civilization, and forming in itself a natural barrier, it was but in accordance with reason to occupy it for the purpose of defense and to stay the further encroachment of the enemy.⁴

In keeping with this situation the Provincial Government in 1756 established a chain of forts along the Blue Mountains from the Susquehanna to the Delaware. The forts were about ten to fifteen miles apart.⁵ Despite the fortification attacks and raids from the Indians persisted. Pennsylvania newspapers of the time as well as other records bear abundant testimony to the massacres that befell the inhabitants of the Blue Mountain areas of Berks County. In the fall of 1757 several of these reports tell of the Hostetler Massacre.

"From Reading, in Berks County, there is advice, that on Thursday and Friday last, some people were murdered in Bern Township and others carried off."⁶

"From Reading we have advice that last Wednesday the Enemy burnt the House of one Hochstetler and killed Hochstetler's wife and a young man and himself and three of his children are missing."⁷

Still another paper reports that Indians came to the "Hoffstettler Platz," killed the man's wife, burned the house and barn and took the children with them. One son escaped.⁸

A further note in the Pennsylvania Gazette of October 13, 1757, refers to four people being killed in Berks County and "four made prisoners near the Northkill by a party of Indians, supposed to be about fifty."

¹Will Book No. 2, page 87 in Register General's Office, Reading, Pennsylvania.

²File of wills in Berks County Courthouse, Reading, Pennsylvania.

³Smith, C. Henry, op. cit., p. 240.

⁴Richards, H. M. M., Frontier Forts of Pennsylvania, I: The Indian Forts of the Blue Mountains. (Reports of the Commission to locate the site of the Frontier Forts of Pennsylvania, Clarence M. Busch, State Printer of Pennsylvania, 1896), p. 3.

⁵Ibid., p. 4.

⁶The Pennsylvania Gazette, October 6, 1757.

⁷The Pennsylvania Journal and Weekly Advertiser, October 6, 1757

⁸Pennsylvanische Berichte, October 15, 1757.

One more item from contemporary records refers to this massacre. According to this source, "Highstealers wife and one child killed and scalped himself and 4 children taken captivity."¹

The tradition is that the massacre took place on September 19, 1757.² The young people of the neighborhood were gathered together for an evening of frolic to prepare apples for drying. Late at night the gathering disbanded and the Hochstetlers retired. They were awakened later in the night to learn that their home was surrounded by Indians. The father, a firm believer in non-resistance, advised against self-defence. The Indians set the house on fire and the family took refuge in the cellar. The fire finally forced them out of the house where they were captured. The son Jacob and a daughter were tomahawked and scalped. The mother also was murdered. Jacob Hochstetler and son Christian were taken prisoners as was also Joseph, another son. The traditional story goes on to tell of a period of captivity of Jacob with the Indians and his eventual escape and return.

One more document exists to shed light on the Hostetler Massacre. It is a petition, dated August 13, 1762, in which Jacob Hockstater requests the return of his children.³ The petition reads as follows:

Petition of Jacob Hockstetter to Governor Hamilton, 1762

To the Honorable James Hamilton, Esq.

Lieutenant Governour of Pennsylvania,

The Humble Petition of Jacob Hockstetter of Berks County, Humbly Sheweth:

That about five years ago your petitioner with 2 children were taken Prisoners, and his wife and 2 other children were killed by the Indians, that one of the said Children who is still Prisoner is named Joseph, is about 18 years old, and Christian is about 16 Years and a half old. That his House and Improvements were totally ruined and destroyed. That your petitioner understands that neither of his Children are brought down, but the Embassadour of King Kastateeloca, who has one of his Children is now here.

That your Petitioner most humbly prays your Homour to interpose in this Matter, that his Children may be restored to him, or that he may put into such Method as may be effectual for that Purpose.

And your Petitioner will every pray, etc.

August 13, 1762.

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Whether because of the petition or other influence the later information on the family shows that the children were restored to their father. The 1772 and 1774 tax lists of Bern Township in Berks County list Jacob Hochstetler as an owner of property. Purchases of land were made by Hochstetler in 1765 and 1776 in Berks and Lancaster Counties respectively.⁴

It has always been claimed by the descendants of the Northkill community that the encounter with the Indians was in good part responsible for the decline of this community and the removal of its members to other places. At any rate few traces remain of this once flourishing Amish community. One of these traces is a small cemetery on the original farm of Jacob Hertzler, two miles west of the present town of Hamburg. It is considered as the burial place for a number of the settlers of the Northkill area.

For many years the descendants of the original families have made pilgrimages to this cemetery. In 1901 they erected a marker over the grave of Jacob Hertzler. It reads: "Jacob Hertzler, Pioneer Settler, Preacher of the Gospel, Born in Switzerland 1703, Came to America 1749, Died 1786." Jacob Hertzler is remembered by the Amish people as the first bishop of their faith to come to America. His charge included not only the Northkill settlement but also the other Amish communities that were founded in southeastern Pennsylvania in the eighteenth century. Tradition has it that Hertzler visited the various congregations on horseback and even by walking.

¹From Conrad Weiser Papers in the Manuscript Department of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa. the item was written on November 28, 1757, by Peter Spycker of Berks County. See Spyker's "Pennsylvania Settlers Murdered, Scalped and Taken Prisoners by Indians, 1755-1756" in Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, XXXII, pp. 309-312, Philadelphia, Pa., (1908).

²Hostetler, Harvey, Descendants of Jacob Hochstetler, the Immigrant of 1736, p. 29 ff., Elgin, Ill. (1912).

³Pennsylvania Archives, First Series, IV, p. 99.

⁴Hostetler, Harvey, op. cit., pp. 46, 47; Berks County Deed Books, Vol. A 4, page 235 records that on June 28, 1765, forty-five pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania was paid in full by Jacob Hochstadtler to David Brecht for 157 acres in Heidelberg Township of Berks County.

The Maiden Creek Valley Settlement

Among the other settlements that were outgrowths of the Northkill community was a scattered settlement in Berks County known as the Maiden Creek Valley settlement. Its members lived in the vicinity of and south of the confluences of the Maiden Creek and the Schuylkill River. All the deeds traceable to Amish names and Amish persons are dated after the time of the Hostettler Massacre. Tax lists of Cumru Township and Maiden Creek Township include the names of Jacob Kurtz, Abraham Kurtz, Christ Esch, Christian Stoltzfus, David Zuck, and John Schmucker.¹ A study of the deeds in this area and around this time reveal activity on the part of the Amish people in buying and selling land. Johannes Hertzler was granted a tract of land from James Read in 1761.² John Kaufman was granted land in Maiden Creek Township in 1763.³ The deed which is dated 1786 and grants land to Christian Koenig from Thomas Mifflin contains an additional bit of information by mentioning that Elizabeth Koenig was married to Christian Stoltzfus and that Anna Koenig was the wife of Christian Beiler.⁴ Christian Koenig also acquired land from Jacob Kortz in 1787 in Cumru Township.⁵ Another early buyer of land in this area was Christian Zug. In 1759 he was granted land in Cumru Township and in 1767 he was granted land in Heidelberg Township.⁶ In the deed which records the granting of land to Catherine Zug from Jacob Kortz in 1787 can be found another reference to the marriage of Christian Stoltzfus and Elizabeth Koenig.⁷

On January 1, 1770, Nicholas Stoltzfus and Christian Stoltzfus, "both of Leacock Township in Lancaster County," were granted land in Cumru Township for which they paid 231 pounds.⁸ On February 9, 1771, another purchase was made by Nicholas and Christian Stoltzfus. This land was situated on the Tulpehocken Creek, then in Lancaster County but now in Berks. An amount of 600 pounds was paid and the purchase included outhouses, buildings, barns, stables, garden, orchard, fields, meadows, pastures, improvements, ways, woods, waters, and watercourses.⁹ Nicholas Stoltzfus and his son Christian, it will be remembered arrived in America in 1766. The acquiring of land in such a short time illustrates something of the deep attachment that these early Amish settlers has to the soil.

Records of the life of this settlement are not numerous and it is held by family historians that the settlement was never a strong one. Ministers who served the congregation were Jacob Schmucker, Christian Miller, and Christian Stoltzfus. Jacob Hertzler of the Northkill congregation also served as bishop of this congregation till his death in 1785.¹⁰

There is a tradition that during the Revolutionary War a member of this congregation, Christian Schmucker, together with several of his brethren from the Northkill and Tulpehocken settlements were imprisoned in Reading for refusing military service. The tradition goes on to say that these Amish were sentenced to death but execution was never carried out due to intervention by Henry Hertzell, a minister of the Reformed Church.

One minister of the congregation, Christian Stoltzfus, left the settlement about 1800 and moved to the Mill Creek section of Lancaster County where he served as bishop of a new settlement till his death in 1832. The community he helped to found has persisted and grown to the present day.¹¹ Christian Miller served as the minister until his death in 1832. Following this a definite decline set in and a number of families moved to the Conestoga Valley near Morgantown and to Mifflin, Juniata, and Somerset Counties in Pennsylvania. For some years the remaining members were served by ministers from the Conestoga settlement. This supply ministry was not always regular or dependable and it is believed that the decline of the settlement was somewhat hastened by this neglect.¹² The death of "Aunt" Polly Miller in 1867 is generally regarded as marking the actual end of the settlement. Descendants of these Amish people joined other faiths including the Dunkards who are known as the Church of the Brethren. According to a descendant and a genealogist of the community, "the Millers, Kurtzes, Zugz, Hertzlers, Reichenbachs, and others have Hundreds of descendants in the Lutheran, Reformed, and United Evangelical denominations of Berks County and throughout the nation."¹³

Of the remaining traces of this settlement the historian can point to a grave marker on Wyomissing Avenue in the borough of Shillington and to a small cemetery near Leesport.

¹Tax lists in possession of Berks County Historical Society, Reading, Pennsylvania.

²Berks County Deed Books, Vol. A 2, page 279, 281.

³Berks County Deed Books, Vol. A 3, page 139.

⁴Berks County Deed Books, Vol. 9, pages 296, 197

⁵Berks County Deed Books, Vol. 11, page 189

⁶Berks County Deed Books, Vol. A 2, page 48; Vol. A 5, page 316.

⁷Berks County Deed Books, Vol. 11, page 189.

⁸Berks County Deed Books, Vol. B 2, page 357.

⁹Berks County Deed Books Vol. A 6, page 464.

¹⁰Amish church records as recorded by C. Z. Mast of Elverson, Pennsylvania.

¹¹Amischen Gemeinen in Lancaster County. (Kutztown Publishing Company, Kutztown, Pa., 1928), p. 2; a document by the late John M. Mast (1838-1901) and based on records of 1801 states that Christian Stoltzfus was ordained bishop before he left Maiden Creek Valley for the Mill Creek section in Lancaster County.

¹²Amish church records as recorded by C. Z. Mast, Elverson, Pennsylvania.

¹³Mast, C. Z. and Simpson, Robert M., Annals of the Conestoga Valley in Lancaster, Berks, and Chester Counties, Pennsylvania, p. 95, Elverson, Pennsylvania, (1942).

The marker in Shillington is "In memory of Daniel Miller who arrived from Europe in this country in the year 1750 and also of Christian Miller and relatives of the Miller family." The small cemetery near Leesport, known for generations as the Koenig graveyard, occupies a part of land which once belonged to Nicholas Stoltzfus and contains his grave. A simple marker indicates that he came to America in 1766 and died November 10, 1774.

The Tulpehocken Creek Valley Settlement

That a community of Amish people once lived in western Berks County a few miles west of present-day Womelsdorf is confirmed by several traces and remains. One of these is the large homestead of an old Amish family in the community. Johannes Kurtz acquired the homestead on April 11, 1764, from Adam Lesh.¹ Johannes had a son, Adam, who was born in 1768 and died in 1852. Adam married a daughter of Bishop Jacob Mast and is listed as a member of the Amish faith.² The neat, walled-in cemetery on the hillside behind the old stone house contains a number of graves that are the resting place of the Amish who once lived in the vicinity. One tombstone marks the grave of Johannas Kurtz and his wife Betty. Another marker indicates the grave of Anna Kurtz the wife of Adam Kurtz. For many years the homestead contained a copy of Martyr's Mirror, the Amish and Mennonite book of martyrs.³ There is also a long standing family tradition that the Amish gathered in this home for worship since they did not have a meeting house of their own in the Tulpehocken area.⁴ Beyond the above traces, little exists to tell of the extent and activity of this settlement. Ministerial oversight of the members was taken care of by Bishop Jacob Mast who it is said was a frequent visitor to the home of his daughter, Anna, wife of Adam Kurtz.

The Chester Valley Settlement

The planting, growth, and decline of an Amish settlement in Chester County, Pennsylvania, is another phase of the early attempts of the Amish to establish communities in Pennsylvania. According to Jonathan K. Hartzler this settlement was founded by Moritz Zug and his brothers, John and Christian. The latter was a minister. These men together with several other families moved to the Chester Valley about 1770.⁵ Some land buying by Moritz Zug, who was a farmer, is summarized by a genealogist of the Amish family of Hertzlers. He states that Moritz Zug

bought of John Morris in 1775, one hundred and fifty acres of land in West Whiteland Township, Chester County, Pa., and deeded to his son, Henry of the same land sixty-four and threefourths acres; price two hundred and seventy-one pounds. In 1784 he deeded to his son, Jacob, one hundred and four acres of land in West Whiteland Township, Chester County, Pa. The price was nine hundred and eighty pounds.⁶

A number of records exist to show the prevalence and legal activities of the Amish in Chester County from 1770 to 1834 or the time when the community became extinct. Amish names of Zook (later form of Zug), Lapp, Coffman, Rickabaugh, and Kurtz are found in the deed books and will books of the period. It is a common thing to find in the wills a reference to someone who bears an Amish name. For example, Joseph Kurtz's will, dated March 17, 1815, indicates that he bought land from David Lapp and Christian Lapp.⁷ In it he specifies that his children are to pay a "reasonable rent to be put upon them by three respectable men of our Amish Society." He lists his son John Kurtz and "Friend" Christian Lapp as executors and Christian Zook as testator.

Other familiar Amish names are those of Fanny Zug and Christian Coffman in the will of Rudolph Lapp in 1800.⁸ Christian Zug's will of 1786 mentions his children and refers to "my friend Michael Lapp."⁹ Jacob Coffman in 1788 made out his will in considerable detail and after making clear specification for the well-being of his wife he appointed as his executors "Dear beloved friends John Zug and Michael Lapp." Christian Zug and George Lapp were Witnesses to the will.¹⁰ Christian Zook in 1826 made a will which indicates that his

¹From deed in possession of Herbert Kurtz, Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania.

²Mast, C. Z., Mast Family History: A Brief History of Bishop Jacob Mast and Other Mast Pioneers, pp. 416, 417, Elverson, Pennsylvania, (1911).

³Related to the writer by C. Z. Mast, a genealogist and relative of former occupants of the home.

⁴Related to the writer by Herbert Kurtz, Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania.

⁵Hartzler, Jonathan K., op. cit. C. Z. Mast, a descendant of the Chester Valley Community gives 1770 as the approximate year of the Zugs moving to Whiteland Township in Chester County. He bases this date on the family records as kept by his grandfather. On April 15, 1880, Shem Zook, a grandson of Moritz Zook, recorded in a letter to John Hertzler, author of the Hertzler genealogy, that his grandfather first settled in Berks County and then removed to Chester County where he lived till he died. Tradition holds that Indian dangers were a cause of this migration from Berks to Chester County.

⁶Hertzler, John, Sr., op. cit., p. 338

⁷Will Book M. Vol. 12, page 129. Chester County Courthouse, West Chester, Pa.

⁸Will Book K. Vol. 13, page 176. Chester County, Pa.

⁹Will Book H, Vol. 8, page 167. Chester County, Pa.

¹⁰Will Book H, Vol. 8, page 218. Chester County, Pa.

daughters, Barbara, Magdalena, and Ann were married to Daniel, Jacob, and Christian Hertzler respectively. His land adjoined Jacob Coffman's.¹ The mere scanning of these documents suggests a close interrelationship among those bearing Amish names.

The Chester Valley settlement is unique among the Amish settlements in that it became the first to erect a meeting house. It would be of real interest to the historian of he could learn the reasons for this innovation in Amish church life. Amish who have been faithful to the earliest customs of their faith have not erected meeting houses as places for worship. Homes and sometimes barns have been the traditional place for Amish members to gather for worship. How explain the building of a substantial and ample meeting house in the Chester County settlement in the late eighteenth century? One can only venture guesses as to the reason. Miss Dorothy B. Lapp, a descendant of the Amish community and a historian, suggests that the building of a place of worship by these Amish people was "probably inspired by the fact that by this time the other denominations in this part of Chester County all had church buildings."²

The first record of land transactions for religious purposes by the Amish in this area is recorded on page 265 of Deed Book C-2 in the West Chester Courthouse. On August 13, 1787, Ludwick Reel of Caernarvon Township in Lancaster County and Frany his wife deeded to John Zook "In trust nevertheless for the Society of Amists Brothers and to be sold by the said John Zook or his executors for said Society" two tracts in East Whiteland and Charles-town townships for 866 pounds and 10 shillings.³ In 1792 a release was recorded in Deed Book C-2, pages 200-1.⁴ The release refers to land in Whiteland containing "one hundred and forty acres more or less in fee in trust for the Society of Amists." The release goes on to say that "we the subscribers being all persons of the said Society to and for whose benefit the recited trust was intended and to extend to do hereby remise, release and forever quit claim to the said John Zook . . ." The Amishmen signing the release were Michael Lapp, Jacob Coffman, Christian Zook, Abram Zook, John Coffman, Jacob Zook, Adam Rickabaugh, and Henry Zook.

Book F-3, page 381, records the presence of a building or a house to occupy the same for the use of the said Society by whom the said Jacob Zook is constituted and appointed Trustee for the said House and for the use of a German School (also there is no family at any time to live on the aforesaid premises) for and during the full end and Term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years.⁵

The same deed refers to Jacob Zook as Trustee for "Great Valley Ominist Society."

Thus far the documents do not mention the use of this building for worship. However, it was used for worship according to the public sale notice which appeared in the Village Record of West Chester for March 7, 1827.⁶ This sale notice reads as follows:

Public Sale. By virtue of a private Act of Assembly passed the 27th of February, 1827, will be exposed to sale on the premises a certain lot of land, situate in the township of East-Whiteland bounded by lands of Jacob Kauffman, deceased, and others--containing something less than one acre. There is a good stone house and stable on the lot. The house has heretofore been used as a Meeting-house and schoolhouse, and may be easily converted into a dwelling house. Sale to be made on Wednesday the 28th inst. and to commence at one o'clock p.m.

Attendance given and condition made known by the Subscriber.

John Zook

The enabling power to sell and convey this real estate is recorded in Deed Book E-4, page 310, where a deed dated May 26, 1827, states,

And whereas the said Jacob Zook by petition to the legislative body of this Commonwealth at their last session setting forth that the Great Valley Ominist Society by death and removals had become nearly extinct, and praying that an Act of Assembly might be passed authorizing the said Petitioner and such other persons as they might think proper to sell and dispose of the said lot or piece of land with the buildings thereon directed.⁷

The laws of Pennsylvania in 1826-1827, referred to in the above deed, authorized "Jacob Zook, trustee of the Great Valley Ominist Society in Chester County to sell and convey real estate."⁸ Later records show that the building, known as Union Hall, was used for school purposes, political meetings and literary events.⁹

¹Will Book I. Vol. 16, page 21. Chester County, Pennsylvania

²Lapp, Dorothy B., "Union Hall," in Chester County Collections, No. 16, p. 490, (October, 1939).

³Ibid., p. 490.

⁴Ibid., p. 490.

⁵Ibid., p. 491, 192.

⁶Ibid., p. 492.

⁷Ibid., p. 492.

⁸Ibid., p. 492.

⁹Ibid., p. 493

A description of the meeting house and its use by the Amish is found in the Chester County Collections of October, 1939. Says this account:

Plainness prevailed. The floor was bare and benches were used as seats. Like the Friends the ministers were not paid. From historians of the Amish we can picture an early meeting. They met at an early hour and preaching was begun before 9 o'clock. Services lasted till noon. Men and women sat on different sides. The men wore broad-brimmed hats with round crowns. They wore beards. The coats were plain, hooks and eyes were used instead of buttons. They wore pantaloons of coarse cloth, usually brown in color and rather baggy in appearance. The women wore plain cape and black sun bonnets, close fitting dressed, usually brown with green kerchief. Sometimes a gray shawl without fringe was worn.

Services were in German, consisting of exhortation, prayer and singing. The minister read from the Bible in a chanting tone. There was a short pause for a silent prayer during the service. The music notes were not written, but the tunes were passed on from one generation to another. When a vacancy occurred in the ministry, several men appointed for the service assemble in a room, then men and woman of the congregation enter singly and tell the name of the person each prefers. The candidates are then given a chance to decline. Those who were not excused are brought before an equal number of books, each one takes up a book and the one who draws the lot is chosen minister.

This account of the Chester Valley Amish adds that these people "were permitted to take an active part at all local elections, but could not hold legislative positions. They were not permitted to bring suit against anyone. If a member was disowned, he was not allowed to sit at the same table as his family."

Decendants of the Zooks, Coffmans, and Lapps record the fact that the sturdy Goshen Meeting House, as it was called, was still in good condition by 1895 when it was destroyed by fire.¹ The ruins stood till about 1937. In 1953 the writer was able to secure clear photographs of ruins as taken in 1937 by the Chester County Historical Society. The pictures show the remains of what was once a modest stone building. The edifice resembled the Quaker meeting houses in southeastern Pennsylvania that were built in the colonial period.

Christian Zook is recorded as "among the noted and influential pastors of the Chester Valley congregation." He preached regularly in the old meeting house and is said to have conducted evening worship, another innovation in Amish church life. He also is remembered by posterity for having paid visits to the Conestoga Valley in an oxcart usually covered with white muslin.²

A few scattered references shed some light on this community in Chester Valley. During the Amish migrations to America in the nineteenth century this community served as a convenient "overnight" stopping place for Amish immigrants who were making their way westward. One such stop is described by Johannes Nussbaum in 1817. Says Nussbaum,

On the 16th of October we went 23 miles from Philadelphia to a settlement of five Amish families. On the 17th we then went to the Pequea. Here we stayed for a week to get deloused. The brethren bestowed upon us food, including butter, meat, bread and vegetables. From there they guided the way for us to Kalchis (Kishacoquillas). There is also an Amish community. We stayed another week here. We were given fine treatment here. They guided us to Somerset County which was a nine-day journey. Here in Klos (Glades) is another Amish community. In all these places they gave us much to eat. They charged us nothing.³

Another reference to the hospitality of the Chester Valley community is found in the story of Christian Ropp who as an Amish lad of fourteen years came to America. In 1892 Ropp tells,

After we reached Philadelphia, my father hired a team to take us to Lancaster County. After we had gone thirty or thirty-five miles, we stopped over with an old Amishman by the name of Zuck. Here we remained a number of days to arrange our affairs. Then my father bought a horse and after setting up the wagon we had brought with us, we started out again, for my father wishes to go to Butler County, Ohio.⁴

The 1817 reference says that there were only five Amish families in the Chester Valley settlement. This is worth noting since it is about this time that a definite decline was setting in. By 1834 the last family, one by the name of Zook, had moved away and the settlement ceased to be an Amish community.⁵ The cemetery across the road from the meeting

¹Mast, C. Z., op. cit., p. 694.

²Ibid., p. 695

³Gratz, Delbert, Bernese Anabaptists and Their American Descendants, p. 138, Scottdale, Pennsylvania, (1953).

⁴Weber, Harry F., Centennial History of the Mennonites of Illinois, pp. 83-87, Goshen, Indiana (1931). Quoted from page 103 of John C. Wenger, op. cit.

⁵Mast, C. Z., op. cit., p. 694.

house site still remains as evidence of the once flourishing community. It has been kept in fair condition by Amish descendants from other communities. The tombstones, none too legible, contain names and dates as follows: Morris Zook, died August 25, 1821; Ann Zook, July 16, 1841; Eliza A. Coffman (no date legible); Christian Zug, died Oct. 8, 1823 (?); Magdalena Zug (no year legible); Abraham Lapp, died 1860.

What became of the members of this community? The answer seems to lie between migration to other communities and assimilation into other faiths and societies of the area. Shem Zook, the Amish historian of Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, in the nineteenth century, records in a letter dated April 5, 1880, that his grandfather, Moritz Zook, lived and died in Chester County but that his father John Zook and his uncle Christian Zook both moved to Mifflin County, the former in 1793. That the Chester Valley settlement was important in the building up of the Mifflin County settlement can be seen in this sentence from Shem Zook's letter: "There are now living in Mifflin County, Pa., thirty-eight families of the name of Zook, all descendants of Moritz Zug."¹ It would seem that the permanent and flourishing community that might have been planted in Chester County, Pennsylvania, actually came into its own in the Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, settlement which until the present has continued as a strong Amish community.

Visitors to some of the old Amish homesteads in Chester Valley frequently find Amish descendants still living in the old home. However, they are members of other religious faiths. Miss Dorothy B. Lapp refers to certain Lapps, Kauffmans, and Zooks as having joined the Baptists or the Society of Friends.² There is a strong tradition among Amish to the present that urban and "worldly" influences were strong on this settlement. Other faiths and ways penetrated the congregation too greatly for it to hold its own and grow. The oncoming generation could not be kept within the fold.

The Conestoga Valley Settlement

All of the Amish communities thus far recorded have vanished either because members moved to other areas or their descendants chose to unite with other faiths. However, there is one community, founded about 1760, which has survived until the present and now has behind it nearly two centuries of growth. This community is the one in the Conestoga Valley and it lies in parts of Chester, Berks, and Lancaster Counties. It is the first permanent Amish Mennonite settlement in America.

The Conestoga Valley was originally surveyed and deeded to Welsh settlers whose grants are recorded between 1718 and 1735. These grants, many of them of three and four hundred acres were made to persons bearing the Welsh names of Ellis, Morgan, Hughes, Bowen, Davies, Hudson, Jenkin, Evans, and Light.³ On these large tracts of land, drained by the Conestoga Creek, these Welsh settlers built homes, erected forges and mills, and tilled the soil. At one end of the Valley they erected the Bangor Episcopal Church in what is now Churchtown. The cemetery around the church contains graves with Welsh names on them. At the other end of the Valley they built St. Thomas Episcopal Church in the present town of Morgantown. The cemetery of this church likewise contains many Welsh names of the gravemarkers. Since the coming of the Welsh settlers and the founding of their community and important change had taken place. The change is this: Nearly all the land and homes of the Welsh have passed from their hands into those of the Amish who now in an almost solid block have come to occupy the Valley.

The beginning of this transfer in land ownership is traced to the year 1760 when Jacob Mast and his family are believed to have moved from the Northkill community to the Conestoga Valley.⁴ A warrant was granted to Jacob Mast and a John Holly on November 19, 1764. The same document refers to a Maurice Zug to whom land was sold but never conveyed. The deed which is dated April 13, 1769, states that Jacob Mast paid John Holly three-hundred and twenty-five pounds for one-hundred and seventy acres.⁵ On this tract of land Mast built a log farm house and on this tract he lived until he died in 1808 and was buried in the cemetery on a corner of the farm.

Gradually more and more Amish names begin to appear on the records of Caernarvon Township of Berks County and Caernarvon Township of Lancaster County. (These two townships adjoin.) Tax lists of Caernarvon Township in Berks County in 1780 include the name of John Hertzler. By 1789 a John Hertzler, Jr., is on the list as well as John Mast, Jacob Mast, John Hertzler, and Melchior Plank. By the year 1795 Peter Plank, Christ Hertzler, David Hertzler, David Mast, John Mast, and another Jacob Mast appear. Just how large the Amish community was by this time is impossible to say. However, Jacob Mast's twelve children were all married between the years 1787 and 1806.⁶ A good number of these settled in the Valley, having married Amish mates in every instance. A study of Jacob Mast's memorandum

¹Hertzler, John, Sr., *op. cit.*, p. 119.

²Lapp, Dorothy B., *op. cit.*, p. 493.

³See page XIV of Mast and Simpson, *Annals of Conestoga Valley* (Elverson, Pa., 1942) for a map showing the original grants.

⁴Mast, C. Z., *op. cit.*, p. 18.

⁵Original deed in possession of H. H. Stoltzfus, Elverson, Pa. Deed is not recorded in Berks County Courthouse, Reading, Pennsylvania.

⁶Mast, C. Z., *op. cit.*, pp. 24-26.

of gifts to his children upon marriage shows that he made as ample provisions as possible to start them in the vocation of farming.¹ Nearly the entire Amish congregation by 1850 was related by marriage or descent to the Mast family.

In 1787 Jacob Mast was elected to the office of bishop, succeeding Jacob Hertzler of the Northkill community who died in 1786. Jacob Mast's church duties called for long and difficult travel to the scattered Amish settlements in Berks, Chester, and Lancaster Counties and also, it is thought, to the far-away, new settlements in Somerset and Cambria Counties of western Pennsylvania.² Mast's role in establishing the first permanent Amish settlement in America seems to have been a large one. It was likely due to strong spiritual leadership since his posterity came to regard him highly for his ministry and church labors. Upon the sale of his property in 1808 reference is made to the sale of eighteen books all going to people with Amish names of Zuck, Hostetler, Mast, Kurtz, and Holly.³ Considering the paucity of books in homes of those days and in Amish homes in particular one can judge that perhaps Mast was a reader above the average of his people. Unfortunately for the historian no titles of the books were recorded.

Also important in Mast's leadership must have been his achievements as a farmer. The sale of his property after his death is listed on four pages of the Mast Family History.⁴ He possessed farm tools and gadgets in great variety: pitchforks, kettles, knives, barrels, axes, scythes, a flax heckle, a cider mill, hammers, an anvil, a bellows, a grindstone, shears, an auger, etc. Among the livestock were: a cow, sheep, and hogs. Oats and busk wheat were the grains offered for sale. Amish names are listed as the purchasers with a sprinkling of Welch names such as Evans and Jones.

Another indication that Mast had some success in accumulating this world's goods can be gathered from a study of the memorandum which records his gifts to each of his twelve children upon their marriage. The gifts varied but not greatly and the following is typical. It states what was given to his oldest son, the first to be married. The memorandum reads:

Date June 17, 1787, my son John Mast got married and I the father, Jacob Mast, gave on that day to my son--One bed with covers, one chest, two cows and one heifer, at the cost of nine pounds in money, one hog, at one pound and five shillings, one horse at fifteen pounds, one saddle at two pounds, one mattock at nine shillings, one wagon at seven pounds, two sheep and three lambs at one pound, five bushels of wheat at five dollars, one new plow with clevis at two pounds and ten shillings and also gave in cash one hundred pounds.⁵

It would seem that Jacob Mast as a spiritual leader and as a competent farmer combined the important traits in Amish history and this may well account for his role in establishing the first permanent Amish settlement.

There were hindrances, however, to the growth of this community and some of these at least set in after the death of Jacob Mast in 1808. These hindrances seem to relate more to the spiritual life of the community than to its economic life. A diary by a Morgantown storekeeper, James L. Morris, gives a clue to some of the influences which ran counter to the Amish way of life and which took its toll from the membership of the Amish church. On October 29, 1842, he recorded in his diary that:

The Homish have a congregation in the neighborhood and as their discipline forbids the erection of houses of public worship, they hold meetings every other Sabbath at the house of the members, giving each house its regular turn. What the condition of the church is, whether flourishing or otherwise, I am unable to say. These three--the Methodist, Episcopalian and Homish or Amish--are the only denominations that hold worship in this neighborhood.⁶

The same observer of the Amish church also records the presence of revival meetings in the Valley and one of these was held on the farm of one who, if not an Amishman, was of Amish descent. Morris states in his diary of August 16, 1841, that

a few, some 3 or 4 wagons, with camp equipage passed through this morning on their way to the Camp Meeting to be held this week in Jacob Mast's (Senior) woods about 2 miles northeast of here. Almost everybody either going or returning to the camp all the time. August 19th: The street has been thronged all day with folks wither going to or returning from camp, on foot, on horseback and in all manner, kinds and sorts of vehicular conveyances. August 21: Camp meeting broke up this morning and from eight o'clock until half past ten o'clock Morgantown was thronged with folks passing, wearied and worn out, covered with dust and perspiration.

¹Ibid., pp. 24-26.

²Ibid., pp. 20-21.

³Ibid., p. 701.

⁴Ibid., pp. 698-701.

⁵Ibid., pp. 24, 25.

⁶James L. Morris Diary, October 29, 1842. The diary is preserved by the Berks County Historical Society, Reading, Pennsylvania.

Nor was this the only time when the community felt the impact of a revival movement. On March 9, 1843, Morris records, "Scarcely ever have I heard of such seeking after religion, in all parts of the country as in the few months last past. Revivals have been east, west, north, and south of us amongst and in all societies."

Apparently these meetings had their influence on the inner character of the Amish church though the revivalistic emphasis has always been quite foreign to the traditional Amish ways. A Daniel Mast, 1803-1883, came under the influence of the meetings and though he responded to them, he did not leave the Amish people but became an Amish minister and served effectively for some years.¹ Other Amish people were apparently influenced also by the camp meetings and they left the Amish fold to become members of other faiths. One of these, a Samuel Plank, served a local Methodist Church for some years.² According to C. Z. Mast,

Scores of intelligent young men and women whose parents were members of this church (Amish) became the greatest pillars in other denominations throughout the Valley. Of such instances we may cite one family who produced three prominent Methodist preachers. This fact can be solely attributed to the inactivity in the church and the home in instituting work for her young people.³

The Morris diary provides the historian with a splendid picture of a small and thriving farm community in southeastern Pennsylvania during the decade of 1837 to 1846. The weather, births, deaths, marriages, political rallies, school activities, church services, public sales, superstitions, roads, crops, prices and local gossip--all find their way into the diary of this observant storekeeper who also served the Morgantown community as a surveyor and executor of deeds and wills. His observations of Amish community life are valuable for he writes as a sympathetic and yet somewhat detached observer.

Amish funerals are among the items Morris noted in his diary. In September, 1842, he refers to the death of Christian Hertzler, "one of our Homish farmers." On September 18, 1842, he records that,

The burial of Christian Hertzler at 10 a.m. was very numerously attended. As usual with the Germans more especially a general and pressing invitation was given out for all to stay and dine. The number that sat down to dinner is differently estimated from 150 to 200. The preparations for this meal had been immense. Two whole quarters of beef had been provided, some 30 odd fowl and other things in proportion.

On February 11, 1845, another funeral was observed:

The funeral of Mrs. David Mast was fully attended today. Upwards of one hundred sleighs were there. A general invitation was given to the company to take dinner which it was reported was plentifully provided for. Orders had been given to have a barrel of flour baked up into bread so that there should be no lack. Other eatables were no doubt provided on the same large scale.

Still another funeral was recorded on August 6, 1845.

Mary Mast's funeral took place today and was numerously attended. The Homish came in great numbers from a distance. She was about 81 or 82 years old and has resided at the same place now occupied by her Daniel, 56 years.

Two Amish weddings are recorded. Descendants of both couples still reside in Conestoga Valley. On March 7, 1844,

Daniel Hertzler, son of Christian Hertzler, deceased, married Barbara, eldest daughter of John Mast. This wedding will be, if not a splendid one, quite a festive one, inasmuch as the Amish make it a great occasion of feasting and jollity. Great preparations have been made and it is said a great number have been invited--nearly all of the Society--the younger ones, I suppose. In olden times it was their custom for all to go who felt inclined and the feasting was kept up for three days.

The other wedding was recorded on October 19, 1843:

Today John Kurtz, eldest son of Jacob Kurtz, senior and farmer "up at the head of the land," was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Stephen Mast. There was to be quite a party--the young Homish folks were invited by dozens. Cakes and wine were provided in abundance. The Homish in olden times gave great wedding parties and "kept up the fun" for several days in succession, but this practice, good and merry as it was, like many other of the mirthful, aye and innocent--customs of our ancestors, is being abandoned in a great degree.

The Morris diary, replete with many scientific and weather observations, would not fail to include outstanding farmers in the valley. One of these was David Mast who was

¹Manuscript by C. Z. Mast of address given at Second Annual Mast Reunion, August 18, 1950.

²Ibid.

³Mast, C. Z., Annals of Conestoga Valley, p. 88, Elverson, Pennsylvania (1942).

also a deacon in the Church.¹ On September 12, 1845, Morris wrote: "This David Mast is one of the most enterprising men of our neighborhood and as an agriculturist he has scarcely his equal. To a knowledge of the various theories he adds an extensive practice and is not too timid to indulge in experiments."

One of David Mast's experiments was recorded on October 15, 1845. "David Mast purposes manuring the Watts farm (which is very poor) with bone dust. He has offered \$5.00 per ton for all the bones that can be collected and wants 30 or more tons. This is the first attempt in this neighborhood to use bone manure."

The success of Mast's experiment was recorded on June 10, 1846.

David Mast who I mentioned last winter as having erected a bone mill, strewed or sowed a quantity of bone dust upon some poor forest land on which he sowed oats. A small patch of land was left unstrewn and the difference is remarkable. On that land on which the bone dust was applied, the oats is equal to any in the good valley land, while on the other it is merely "forest oats."

Few records can be found on public sales in Amish communities of more than a century ago. Morris on October 27, 1845, records how David Mast offered his farm for sale. "On Saturday last David Mast offered his farm for sale, but it would not go. He advertised 310 acres--160 acres valley limestone, 55 acres tillable land and 95 acres of woodland. For all this he ask \$18,000. The improvements are first rate."

David Mast's role in the economic life of the Conestoga Valley included the operation of teams of Conestoga horses, a specially fine breed of horses. He operated three teams at one time. Moses Hartz, a teamster and farmer in the Valley, drove one of these teams over the stagecoach road from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh.²

The Amish quest for land outside the community did not escape Morris' alert eyes and ears for on September 1, 1845, he records that,

A party of our Homish Germans and of the Masts set out today to Maryland with the intention of viewing the country and the land with the object of buying and remaining there. The valley of the gunpowder is more especially their destination and they purpose, should the country please them to remove thence in such numbers from here and Lancaster County as to form a congregation there. Others of their sect have already visited that particular section of Maryland and are prepared should these now going be pleased with the country to go with them. Maryland is now and has been for some years past attracting to its cheap land a great many Pennsylvanians, particularly from the counties of Chester and Lancaster. Were it not for the existence of slavery there, thousands more would go that are now deterred only by that one thing.

The outcome of this venture for new land was recorded on September 9, 1845. The Masts and their Amish friends have returned from Maryland. They give a good account of the lands they viewed but they did not buy, neither do they talk of advertising or offering their own lands for sale, which is necessary as they say in the first place so as to enable them to buy.

By this time the Conestoga Valley Amish community was firmly established. Its members were active and prosperous farmers. Visitors from other Amish communities came and many marriages took place with young people from these communities. Some couples remained in the Valley while others moved elsewhere. By 1850 it is believed that the church members numbered at least thirty though the Amish community itself must have numbered much more.³ The figure of thirty includes only baptized adults. Since Amish families are traditionally large and the young people did not join the church until late in their teens, one could perhaps safely double this figure for an estimate of the members of the Amish community. The community in 1850 was on the verge of rapid growth and many changes, for by 1900 the Amish church membership (including both progressive and conservative groups which developed from 1877 on) numbered one hundred eighty.⁴

Bishops of the congregation during this period of founding were:⁵ Jacob Mast 1788-1808; Peter Plank 1808-1831; John Plank 1831-1835; John Stoltzfus 1835-1837; David Beiler 1837-1845; John K. Stoltzfus 1845-1854. Ministers were Daniel Mast, 1803-1883; Moses Hartz, 1819-1916; and Christian Hertzler, 1804-1863. Deacons were John Mast, 1763-1852 and David Mast, 1798-?.⁶

¹Mast, C. Z., Mast Family History: A Brief History of Bishop Jacob Mast and Other Mast Pioneers, p. 67, Elverson, Pennsylvania (1911).

²Ibid., pp. 65-67

³Mast, C. Z., Annals of Conestoga Valley, p. 88, Elverson, Pennsylvania, (1942).

⁴Hartzler, Jonathan K., op. cit.

⁵Mast, C. Z. op. cit., p. 81. Dates refer to years of ordained service.

⁶Ibid., p. 82. Dates refer to life span.

HISTORY OF THE OLD ORDER AMISH OF SOMERSET COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

In 1760 a Christian Blauch settled in Somerset County, near the present Berlin which was, I believe, at that time Bedford County and called the Glade Church. They seemed to have prospered, and they were in what is now the nicest or best and rolling land in Somerset County.

By records, as near as I can gather, in 1780 Christian (Schmidt) Miller was their first leader and likely had charge of quite a large territory. At that time bishops rode horseback many miles to perform weddings and communions.

At one time there was a Bishop Jacob Mast in charge of the settlement and much of the East. By all I can find the Glade Church was going for about 125 years but is now extinct.

Their first resident bishop was Christian Yoder son of (Schwitzer) Christian Yoder. The church seems to have grown fast for in 1837 at a ministerial meeting there were six ministers signed: Minister Christian Yoder, Jr., son of Bishop Christian Yoder, Sr., Abraham Miller, Jacob Miller, Jacob Swartzentruber and David Yoder. In about 1850 it is believed the church reached its peak with about one hundred members in the three districts of the Glade Church. But by the turn of the century the church was no more.

Some people think that the reason for their being extinct so soon was because of prosperity. Others say the young folks got out of control as they were living high. During the Civil War they were chided by a bishop for their careless living while soldiers were dying. Some went west and some joined the Mennonites in the Conemaugh District. It seems to me there were other reasons as there were Amish by the names of Shetler, Wenger, Yoder, Miller, Hersberger, Kauffman, Hostetler, Blauch, Eash and others in what is now Johnstown or Davidsville Mennonite District. There were Amish there for some years and most of those Mennonites were very good Pennsylvania German speakers. The older ones can still talk the language well. The Mennonites who talk German are of Amish descent. I think they wanted more freedom and the Mennonite faith seems to have been the answer to some of them while it is also known that some from there went west. It seems people were on the move and started new settlements just like to this day.

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Extracts from the History of the First Amish Mennonite Communities in America by Grant M. Stoltzfus

COMING OF THE AMISH MENNONITES TO COLONIAL PENNSYLVANIA IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

Continued from last month

In the same year on the 8th of October these Amish names were registered:¹ Jacob Yoder, Hans Blanck, Christian Blanck, Hennerich Stehli, Casper Fisher, Jacob Stehli, Henrich Stehli. Of these there were three who made a mark instead of signing their name.

Two more members of the Esch family arrived on October 8, 1751. There were Jacob and

Mical Esch.² On September 23, 1752, Amish names appeared as follows:³ Jacob Blanck, Nickolas Blanck, Jacob (O) Kauffman, Christian Smucker, Hans (H) Clanck, Ulriche Fisher. Two of these were unable to sign their names.

On September 27, 1752, Johannes Kurtz "took and subscribed the usual qualifications."⁴ On the same day Jacob Mast and Michel Fisher were registered.⁵ Jacob Stutzman and Christoph Mast were registered also on the same day.⁶ The other Amish name to appear for 1752 was that of Christoph Kurtz on November 8.⁷

On September 30, 1754, Carl Heinrich, Jacob Kauffman, Johannes Herschberger and Casper (H) Knag qualified and registered.⁸

On October 21, 1754, these Amish names were added to the lists:⁹ Johan Philip Bender, Senior, Philip Bender, Reinhard Kurtz, Hannes Riehl, Henrick Eash, Johannes Amman. Two were unable to sign their names.

The high tide of Amish immigration seems to be past by this time and not until October 18, 1766, did Amishmen, a father and son, appear to register at the Philadelphia port.

¹Ibid., p. 473.

²Ibid., p. 477.

³Ibid., p. 485.

⁴Ibid., p. 489.

⁵Ibid., p. 490.

⁶Ibid., p. 491.

⁷Ibid., p. 506.

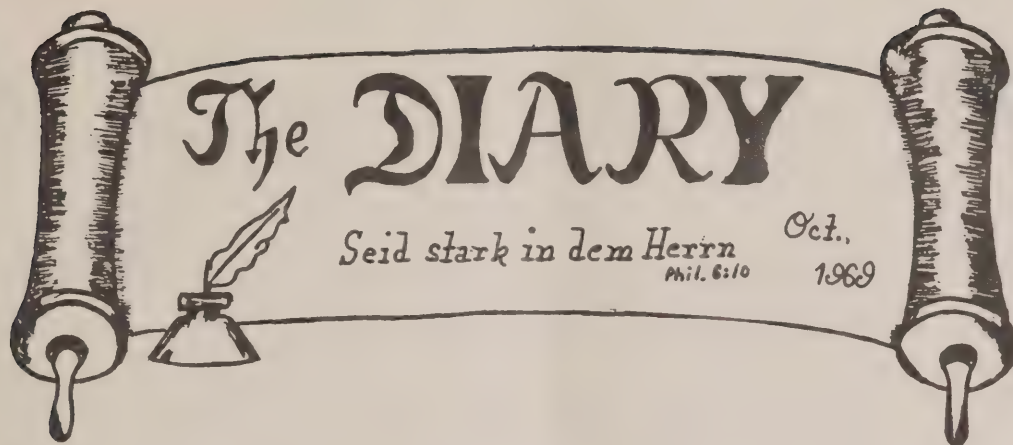
⁸Ibid., p. 610-612.

⁹Ibid., p. 642, 643.

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BUGGY CRASH VICTIM DIED OF INJURIES

Miss Fannie Stoltzfus, 19, daughter of Emanuel F. and Sarah Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R.2 Pennsylvania died in the General Hospital Wednesday, October 29, from injuries sustained in an accident involving a horse-drawn buggy and a car near Quarryville Sunday night. She had been listed in critical condition ever since the accident. She had suffered head and internal injuries. The accident occurred on Route 372, just west of Quarryville at 7:15 p.m. Sunday when the victim was riding in a buggy operated by John M. Fisher, 19, of Kirkwood R.1. He said he was riding west on the highway when his horse started to act up and he climbed out of the buggy to get to the reins. The buggy was apparently standing still when a car slammed into the rear. It was shoved forward by the impact and the horse was knocked across the road and into the path of an eastbound car. The horse was killed by the impact and the buggy demolished.

FIRE LEVELS PENNSYLVANIA BARN

On Thursday October 30 at 5:45 P.M. a fire started at the barn of Stephen F. Esh of R.1 Gordonville, Pa. The blaze started when sparks caused by twine wrapped around the shaft of the fodder shredder were blown into the barn with the fodder. The barn burned to the ground and two mules and three driving horses were lost. Firemen left the Esh farm around 11 A.M. Friday. Twenty-four hours later the rubble was cleaned away and a new foundation put in with contractors equipment on the job of rebuilding.

WEB DRAWN INTO SILAGE CUTTER AT AYLMER, ONTARIO

On October 11 an unusual event took place at David Waglers. About one and one half feet remained of their silage cutter web. The rest had gone through the silage cutter! At first they didn't know what was happening till they got their tractor stopped. Then to their dismay they found that most of their web was inside the silo. They removed silage three inches deep to get the metal out of the silo. They borrowed a cutter to finish filling.

SOMERSET CO., PA. MAN HURT IN WOOD CUTTING ACCIDENT

Jake J. Kinsinger and his brother were cutting pulp wood when Jake backed and tripped, falling backward, hitting his head on a stone, which split open the back of his head. He was rushed to Meyersdale hospital and from there to Pittsburgh where he is still a patient. This happened October 15. He was unconscious most of the time. They think his memory is slowly coming back, but he cannot talk yet.

TWO BUGGIES HIT BY STATION WAGON

In Mifflin County, Pennsylvania on Sunday morning October 26, on the way to church two buggies were hit in the rear. The station wagon struck first the buggy of Gideon, Annie and Ella Kanagy, children of Henry and Katie Kanagy, then proceeded and hit the buggy of Samuel Yoder, son of Samuel and Rachel Yoder. The occupants of the first buggy were all thrown out, the buggy was a complete wreck and the horse had to be killed. The second buggy was badly damaged. No one was seriously hurt, but all were shaken up and were stiff and sore.

IOWA WOMAN INJURED IN FALL

On October 25 Widow Mrs. Sibyl Bender, aged 85, fell and broke her hip. She is in Iowa City Hospital. She is a daughter of the late Bishop T. T. Yoder of Thomas, Okla.

Let us remember our bereaved ones in prayer



"Lasset die Kindlein zu mir kommen."
Matth 10:14



BIRTHS

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada

Yoder, Enos J. (Amelia Stutzman) a daughter IDA, October 17 (Mt. Elgin district)

Johnson County, Iowa

Yoder, Vernon (Inez Kauffman) twin sons CHESTER JAY and LESTER RAY, October 17

Buchanan County, Iowa

Gingerich, Joe (Elizabeth Nisly) Hazleton, Iowa, a daughter FANNY, October 7

Gingerich, Noah (Susie Yoder) Fairbank, Iowa, a daughter CHRISTINA, August 30

Schwarz, Andy (Lydia Petersheim) Independence, Iowa, a son ENOS, August 30

Schwarz, Menno (Lizzie Mast) Hazleton, Iowa, a daughter, MARY, September 14

Yutzky, John (Katie Hershberger) Independence, Iowa, a daughter ESTHER, August 31

Arthur, Illinois

Herschberger, Elva (Edna Viola Diener) a son LAVERN, September 12

Miller, Gideon (Verna Plank) a son _____

Smucker, Delbert (Fannie Gingerich) a son ABRAHAM

Yoder, Joe (Mary Otto) a son JERRY LAVERN, September 21

Yoder, Eli (Rosemary Plank) a daughter RHODA ANN, September 26

Adams County, Indiana

Hilty, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer, Geneva R.2, Box 224, Indiana, a son CHRISTIAN E. S., Sept. 7

LaGrange County, Indiana

Fry, David (Mattie Yoder) R.2 Topeka, a daughter MARY ANN, October 3

Mast, Sam Jr. (Gertie E. Miller) R.1 Middlebury, a son EARL DEAN, October 17

Miller, Reuben Jr. (Delila Wickey) R.1 Shippshewana, a daughter MARSHA KAYE, October 22

Miller, Vernon (Elsie J. Hostetler) R.4 LaGrange, a daughter MARY ANN, October 22

Miller, William (Edna Bontrager) R.2 Topeka, a son FREEMAN, October 13

Schrock, Noah E. (Irene Hochstetler) R.1 LaGrange, a son LESTER, October 12

Troyer, John (Lydia Yoder R.1 LaGrange, a daughter WILMA, October 6

Troyer, Orla (Barbara Bender) R.4 LaGrange, a daughter ESTHER ARLENE, October 6

St. Mary's County, Maryland

Hertzler, John (Barbara Stoltzfus) Mechanicsville, twin daughters LENA and BENA, Oct. 22

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Summy, Noah P. (Sarah Kinsinger) a daughter EDNA, October 19

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Hostetler, John (Hettie K. Peachey) Harrisburg, Pa. a daughter ROSA,

Peachey, Daniel (Susie Swarey) Belleville, a son DAVID,

Peachey, Ezra E. (Ada Hostetler) 16 Locust Lane, College Park, Md. a son DANIEL

Peachey, Isreal R. (Salina Byler) Belleville, a daughter BARBARA, October 28

Peachey, Jacob E. (Esther Byler) Belleville, a son MELVIN

Peight, John (Lizzie Peachey) Belleville a son _____, October 22

Centre County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, John (Aarie Esh) Rebersburg, a daughter LIZZIE, September 27

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Peachey, John (Fannie Weaver) a son PAUL, October 22

Petersheim, Andy T. (Mary Kanagy) a daughter HANNAH, October 16

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Andrew H. (Naomi S. King) R1, Bird-in-Hand, a son STEPHEN K., October 4

Beiler, Christ K. (Naomi Zook) 181 Horseshoe Rd. Leola, a son MELVIN JAY, October 20

Beiler, David E. (Rebecca Riehl) R2, Narvon, a son STEVEN R., October 18

Beiler, David K. (Elsie Flaud) R1, Ronks, a daughter REBECCA ANN, October 20

Beiler, Eli S. (Mary Beiler) R1, Gordonville, a son MERVIN, October 6

Beiler, Jacob S. (Rebecca H. Stoltzfus) R1, Paradise, a son ALVIN, October 13

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Esh, John S. (Sadie L. Stoltzfus) R3, Quarryville, a daughter ROSANNE, October 14
 Fisher, Elmer E. (Naomi King) R1, Paradise, a son CALVIN, October 6
 Fisher, Levi S. (Susan S. Glick) R1, Christiana, a daughter MARY, October 4
 Glick, Daniel Z. (Sarah Stoltzfus) R1, Leola, a son AMOS S., October 15
 Glick, Joel (Lizzie Riehl) R3, Quarryville, a son _____, October 19
 Kauffman, Daniel S. (Lizzie Esh) R1, Strasburg, a son CHRISTIAN, October 3
 Kauffman, Benjamin E. (Elsie King) R1, Bird-in-Hand, a son CHRISTIAN K., October 29
 King, Abram Z. (Lizzie K. Stoltzfus) R1, Bird-in-Hand, a son LEVI, October 19
 King, Christ Z. (Fannie Fisher) R1, Ronks, a son CHRIST Z. JR., October 23
 King, Melvin Z. (Lena Stoltzfus) 305 Newport Rd. Leola, a daughter KATIE, October 14
 King, Samuel B. (Annie L. Zook) Box, 234, R1, Paradise, a son DAVID Z., October 19
 Lapp, Elam F. (Fannie Fisher) R1, Lititz, Box 243, a daughter REBECCA, October 8
 Lapp, J. Elmer (Sadie Beiler) R2, Coatesville, a daughter RACHEL ANN) October 9
 Miller, Aaron (Sarah S. Fisher) R1, Gordonville, a son CHRISTIAN, October 16
 Miller, David R. (Naomi Glick) 238 Newport Rd. Leola, a son SAMUEL G., October 18
 Miller, Enos K. (Rebecca Fisher) R1, Paradise, a son GIDEON F., October 27
 Petersheim, Christian R. (Fannie K. Fisher) R1, Christiana, a son STEPHEN F., Oct. 9
 Petersheim, John S. (Sarah Lapp) R1, Christiana, a son EMANUEL L., October 7
 Riehl, Daniel E. (Mary L. King) R1, Ronks, a son ELAM K., October 31
 Stoltzfus, Abram B. (Katie Lapp) R1, Oxford, Box 268, a daughter ANNA L., October 23
 Stoltzfus, Abram F. (Katie B. Fisher) R1, Leola, a daughter LEAH F., October 27
 Stoltzfus, Amos S. Jr. (Lydia Mae Zook) R1, Gordonville, a daughter _____, Oct. 20
 Stoltzfus, Benjamin S. (Christieanne Dienner) R1, Kinzers, a son JOHN, October 13
 Stoltzfus, Daniel L. (Sadie Mae Stoltzfus) R1, Gap, a son _____, October 25
 Stoltzfus, David S. (Naomi S. Lapp) R1, Box 304, Gap, a son NATHANIEL DAVID, Oct. 11
 Stoltzfus, Enos B. (Katie S. Miller) R1, Christiana, a son BENNIE M., October 17
 Stoltzfus, Enos K. (Sadie Mae King) R1, Gordonville, a son CHRIST, October 17
 Stoltzfus, Isaac E. (Barbara K. Fisher) R1, Bird-in-Hand, a daughter, KATIE F., Oct. 24
 Stoltzfus, John A. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Church Rd. Bird-in-Hand, a son ELMER, October 12
 Swarey, Aaron (Fannie L. Stoltzfus) R1, Leola, a son ISREAL, October 5
 Zook, Jonas (Katie Miller) R3, Quarryville, a daughter ARIE LYN, October 10

MARRIAGES

Buchanan County, Iowa

Noah, son of Levi B. and Edna Plank Miller and Mary,
 daughter of Bishop Atlee and Sarah Mast Shetler, Sept. 25
 Aden, son of Pre. Dan A. and Edna Yutzy Helmuth and
 Lizzann, daughter of Albert and Susie Lehman Mast, Oct. 16

LaGrange County, Indiana

Norman, son of Joni and Edna May Yoder Hochstetler,
 Middlebury and Martha Sue daughter of Amos W. and Wilma
 Miller Bontrager R1, Wolcottville, October 16

John, son of Ora and Anna Troyer Hochstetler R.R.
 LaGrange and Edna Mae, daughter of Jonathan D. and Clare
 Miller Miller R1, Wolcottville, October 2

Delbert, son of Levi S. Bontrager, Jamesport, Mo. and
 Susie, daughter of Melvin E. and Lydia Raber Yoder R2, Topeka, Indiana, October 23
 Albert Lee, son of Jacob Hochstetler, Kokomo, Ind. and Ruby, daughter of Andy
 Nissley, R1, Ligionier, Indiana, October 28

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

On October 30 was the wedding of Aquilla Kanagy, son of Ezra Kanagy and Annie Peachey,
 daughter of David C. Peachey. Services were held at the home of Samuel J. Peachey by
 Ezra Kanagy and Jacob B. Byler. Attendants were Isreal Peachey and Lavina Kanagy, Ezra
 Kanagy and Lavina Peachey. Dinner and supper were served at the bride's home.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Roman, son of Eli and Sara Miller Troyer and Sara, daughter of Pre. Seth and Emma
 Swarey Yoder were married on October 23 by Bishop Tobe Petersheim
 Samuel J., son of Sam J. and Mary Peachey Peachey and Susie, daughter of Abe D. and
 Mary Miller Troyer were married on October 28 by Bishop Sol Weaver

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 other old writings of church and family history, do not sell them to outsiders. Some of
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 lived and often give interesting happenings or family geneology. If you have things that
 must be moved or discarded, do not destroy them before an historian or someone interested
 in such things has seen them. Please write to one of our staff members if you need help
 in this matter or have a contribution to make.



October 6, 1969

Die Lengester Dienerfersammlung war ans Bishop Sam Kauffmans an Nine Points. Die beiwohnung war völich ausgenommen 6. Der Dienner zahl war 179.

ORDINATIONS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, North Honey Brook District
Daniel L. Stoltzfus, aged 46, Honey Brook R.1, Pa. Erwalt ein Diener Zum Buch October 12, 1969. He is a son of Dan U. and Mary Stoltzfus, his wife Lydia is a daughter of John E. and Sarah King. Die mit ihm das Loos Ziehn: Samuel J. Stoltzfus, David L. Stoltzfus, Alvin Zook, Benuel Stoltzfus and Daniel U. Stoltzfus.

Conestoga District

John U. Stoltzfus, aged 40, Elverson R.2, Pa. Erwalt ein Diener Zum Buch October 13, 1969. He is a son of John F. and Mary Stoltzfus, his wife Rebecca is a daughter of John E. and Sarah King. Die mit ihm das Loos Ziehn: David Smucker, Elmer Smucker, Amos Stoltzfus, Joseph Smucker, Jonas Stoltzfus, Christian Stoltzfus, Sam M. Stoltzfus, Benuel Lapp, Jesse Esh and Daniel B. Stoltzfus.

South Lower Pequea District

Levi K. Esh, aged 37, Gap R.1, Pa. Erwalt ein Diener Zum Armen October 15, 1969. He is a son of Emanuel and Elizabeth Esh, his wife Mary is a daughter of Samuel U. and Katie Beiler. Die mit ihm das Loos Ziehn: Omar Stoltzfus, David King, Amos Fisher and Samuel Stoltzfus.

South White Horse District

Samuel E. Stoltzfus, aged 34, Gap R.1, Pa. Erwalt ein Diener Zum Buch October 16, 1969. He is a son of Ephraim and Annie Stoltzfus, his wife Rachel is a daughter of Sam F. and Leah Stoltzfus.

David L. Stoltzfus, aged 23, Gap R.1, Pa. Erwalt ein Diener Zum Buch October 16, 1969. He is a son of B. John and Lydia Stoltzfus, his wife Elizabeth is a daughter of Christ and Katie Lapp.

Die mit ihnen das Loos Ziehn: B. John Stoltzfus, Stephen Stoltzfus, John Lapp, Jacob Beiler, Amos Beiler, Alvin Lapp and Leroy G. Stoltzfus

East Nine Points District

Amos M. Kauffman, aged 48, Christiana R.1, Pa. Erwalt ein Diener Zum Buch October 17, 1969. He is a son of Benjamin and Rachel Kauffman, his wife Rebecca is a daughter of Daniel M. and Mary Stoltzfus. Die mit ihm das Loos Ziehn: Ben Kauffman Jr., John Blank, John Beiler, John Stoltzfus, Eli Esh and Elam King.

Brush Valley, Centre County, Pennsylvania

Henry Beiler, aged 26, Rebersburg, Pa. Erwalt ien Diener Zum Buch October 16, 1969. He is a son of Levi M. and Barbara Beiler, his wife Rebecca is a daughter of Henry a. and Rebecca Esh. Die mit ihm das Loos Ziehn. Tobias Stoltzfus, Henry F. Beiler, Henry Stoltzfus, Melvin Stoltzfus and Christian Stoltzfus.

Holmes County, Ohio, Bamma Dan's West District

Ben L. Raber, aged 43, erwalt ein Diener Zum Buch October 14, 1969. Die mit ihm das Loos Ziehn: Abe Bontrager, Albert Beachy, David Schlabach, Dan Miller and Mel Miller.

Johnson County, Iowa

Henry B. Miller was ordained a minister on October 26, 1969, aged 63, in Ira Nissley District. Henry's son Morris, living at home was ordained just a year earlier. Henry is a son of the late Benedict J. Millers. He also has two brothers in the ministry, Lester and Clifford B. Miller.

OBITUARIES

Stoltzfus, Fannie daughter of Emanuel F. and Sarah Stoltzfus Stoltzfus, aged 19 yr. 7 mo. 2 da.

In addition to her parents, ahe is survived by these brothers and sisters, Malinda, Sarah, Jacob, Katie, Daniel, Emanuel, Mary and Annie, all at home; peternal grandparents, Stephen and Sarah L. Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R.2 and maternal grandfather, Daniel U. Stoltzfus Honey Brook. Funeral services were held by Levi Riehl and John Stoltzfus, hymns read by Jake Stoltzfus and Dan Stoltzfus, Obshied by John F. Glick, Burial in Stoltzfus Cemetery.

Wengerd, Ida wife of Joe J. Wengerd, aged 56 years of Holmes County Ohio

She died at the Pomerene Hospital in Millersburg of a heart attack. A daughter of Enos and Elizabeth Miller ahe is survived by her husband and two daughters, Clara and Mary, four sons, Ammon, Enos, Melvin and Levi, three sisters, Maryann wife of Adam Miller of Winesburg; Sarah of Winesburg and Clara, wife of Ezra Wengerd of Sarasota, Fla.; three brothers, John and Enos of Dalton, Ohio and Mose of Conewango, New York.



October comes from the latin word Octo, meaning eighth. By the addition of January and February it became the tenth month but retained its name.

OCTOBER + 1969

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CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada

The corn is very good in some places, some places fair. We had 4 inches of snow on October 23, but it has melted now and with the rain we had lately we have some mud now.

Johnson County, Iowa

We had our first frost October 14th and it has been on the cool side since, with showers now and then. Corn husking is just starting.

Holmes County, Ohio

On Friday morning, October 24 we had our first heavy frost. The weather is nice. Some people are still husking corn. On monday, October 20 the neighbors husked corn for Ben Rabers due to his being ordained to the ministry.

St. Mary's County, Maryland

On October 2nd and 8th we had rainy days, perhaps 2 inches in all, Since that we had beautiful weather, but it is dry. We had some windy days, also heavy frost twice with 21 degrees on October 24. The other frost was October 30 when it was about 25 degrees.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Weather was on the dry side, but had rain over the weekend. Farmers will start with fall plowing. Corn is nearly all husked and was a good crop.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Weather during October was rather cool and dry; total rainfall for the month, 1.63 inches, a deficiency of 1.24 inches. Total for the year so far was 26.93 inches, a deficiency of 4.76 inches. First light frost on October 15th and on October 23rd it was down to 18 degrees, which was the coldest October day on record with the local weather bureau. Fall seeding looks good and a big corn crop is being put away earlier than usual. A new high tention power line is being put in by PP and L. It goes through the Amish settlement from Thompsonstown to Mifflintown, 100 feet wide. Small game is plentiful except that grey squirrels seem to have moved out of the area.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

October came in warm. We had 2.7 inches of rain and much of October's Bright Blue Weather. On the evening of October 22 it snow real fast and didn't all melt till the next forenoon, but plants weren't frozen. On October 24 was our first hard, killing frost. Corn husking is finished. Weddings are started.

Centre County, Pennsylvania

We had warm fall weather except about a week was cool with frost and a little snow flurries. Some are finished husking but most of us have some to husk yet.

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

We had 4½ inches of rain in October. We had no frost till the 22nd then we also had some snow flurries.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Corn is all husked and was a good crop. A lot of fodder was rota beat and baled for bedding. Tobacco is well fried and ready to strip. Farmers are hauling manure and steaming tobacco beds.

We had exceptionally nice fall weather with well below normal rainfall. Had a few cloudy days, but most of the month was extremely nice and cool. During the night of the 20th we had a thunderstorm, with high winds. Had no killing frost until the 23rd, which is latter than usual. Temperature was reported as low as 10 degrees. Total rainfall in the East Intercourse area was 1.2 inches and Bareville reported 1.3 inches.

Farm prices: Fat Steers, \$30.25 Cwt.; Stockers, feeders, from 25.00 to 35.00 Cwt.; Hogs, 27.75 Cwt.; Fowl, light, .11½, heavies, .17; Eggs, .52 dz.; Hay, alfalfa, 39.50 Ton, mixed hay, 33.00; Straw, 40.00 Ton; New Ear Corn 26.00 Ton; Potatoes, from 1.75 to 2.25 Cwt.

Obituaries, continued

Miller, Fannie wife of Moses F. Miller was born July 6, 1885, died October 30 1969

They resided in Kansas and Kalona, Iowa for many years then moved to Millersburg, Ind. Her husband survives, also five sons, John of Curtis, Wisconsin, Jonathan and Joseph of Kalona, Iowa, Noah of Shipshewana and Cornelius of Clark, Mo. and one daughter Elizabeth, wife of Amos Schrock with whom they resided; a foster daughter Bertha, wife of Eddie Bontrager of Sarasota, Fla; two brothers, Jacob J. Miller of LaGrange R.4 and Daniel A. Miller of Amity, Oregon.

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BAPTISMS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania \

Union District by David Riehl on September 14

Ephraim, son of Levi Z. and Mary (Miller) Fisher; Jacob, son of Abram and the late Barbara (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Jacob, son of Stephen and the late Barbara (Stoltzfus) Smoker; John, son of Jonas and Lydia (Lapp) Fisher; Benuel, son of Abram and the late Barbara (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Jacob, son of Isreal and Savilla (Fisher) Stoltzfus; Emma, daughter of John B. and Susie (Fisher) Stoltzfus; Lizzie, daughter of Jacob L. and Emma (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Susie, daughter of Abram and the late Barbara (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus.

South Lower Millcreek District by Amos E. King on October 26

Christian and Amos, sons of the late Christian and Emma Lapp Petersheim

Indiana

LaGrange District by Eli S. Lehman on September 7

Anna Marie, daughter of Crist Knepp and Edna Mae, daughter of Toba Miller

Howe District (Amsie Troyer) by William P. Miller of Centerville, Michigan on Sept. 28

Perry L., son of Levi J. Lambright; Miriam, daughter of Harvey J. Lambright; Mattie, dau. of Levi J. Shrock; Susie, daughter of William D. Schmucker; Miriam, daughter of Willis E. Hochstetler.

East Honeyville District by Amos N. Miller on August 31

Benny, son of Levi Fry; Edna, daughter of Levi Lehman; LeAnna, daughter of Jacob Petersheim; Lydia Mae, daughter of Levi Yoder, all of Topeka R. 1, Indiana

South East LaGrange District by Dan B. Bontrager on September 28

Mervin, son of Lester J. Bylers; Joe, Jr., son of Joe Wingerds; Lester, son of Ralph Kramers; Milinda J. daughter of Jonas M. Yoders.

Joni B. Miller Church District

By Clemans J. Miller on February 9, 1969

Alvin, son of Harold L. Millers; Willis, son of Henry J. Eashs; Andy, son of Urias U. Millers; Mary, daughter of Melvin J. Millers; Mable, daughter of Moah E. Mullet; Marrietta and Ida Anna, daughters of Elton S. Millers; Leanna, daughter of Ervin S. Slabaughs.

By Bishop Joni B. Miller on September 7

Jacob, son of John J. Eash; Urias Jr., son of Urias U. Miller.

Arthur, Illinois

Steve Kauffman District on September 7

Sarahann, daughter of Moah and Mattie (Miller) Brennehan, Arthur; Leah, daughter of Mrs. Maggie Mast, Arcola; Lovina, daughter of Chrissie and Susie (Plank) Yoder, Tuscola;

Abe Gingerich District on September 28

Elva, son of Menno and Sarah (Gingerich) Chupp, Arthur; Noah, son of Lewis and Maryann (Yoder) Yoder, Arthur; Syranus, son of Bennie and Soville (Yoder) Gingerich, Arthur; Calvin, son of Sam and Maryann (Stutzman) Miller, Arthur.

Johnson County, Iowa

By Bishop Ira Nissley

Alta, daughter of Glen Beachey and Ruth, daughter of Lester Swantz.

By Truman Miller on September 14

Miriam, daughter of Bishop Truman Miller and Mary Lois, daughter of Abe Kauffmans.

Buchanan County, Iowa

North West District on August 31

Emma, daughter of John and Katie (Helmuth) Yutzzy

On October 12: Lizzie, daughter of Dan and Lydia (Miller) Kauffman

Middle East District on September 21

Levi, son of Joe F. and Alma (Bontrager) Bontrager; Menno, son of Benjamin and Lizzie (Gingerich Beechy; Clara, daughter of Pre. William W. and Amelia (Bontrager) Miller

South Middle District on October 5

Rosa, daughter of Alvin and Sarah (Bontrager) Yoder

South East District

On September 14: Lena, daughter of Dan C. and Emma (Kuhns) Beechy; Gertie, daughter of Abe J. and Anna (Yoder) Yoder; Mattie, daughter of John and Malinda (Kauffman) Nisly by Bishop John Nissly

On September 28: Sarah, daughter of Andy and Naomi (Gingerich) Kauffman by John Nissly

South West District on September 21

Mary, daughter of Deacon Andy and Sarah (Hostetler) Kurtz

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EARLY EXPERIENCE

My father, Simon Lichty, married Sarah D. Beachy of Aurora, West Virginia on December 8, 1878 and started house-keeping close to her home in an old house which had formerly been a tavern, called Rising Sun Tavern. Here they lived a few years when Jonas and Fannie were born. Then they moved close to Grantsville, Maryland and lived there several years where Noah and Dan were born. Then they bought a farm on Negrow Mt. where we lived till 1899. Here the last five children were born, when they decided to move, this time to Faquier Co. Virginia, some 50 miles or so south of Washington D. C.

This move was a short duration, lasted two years, as none of us liked it there. We started early Monday morning from Midland, Virginia from the hassa fall, the L. J. Swartzentruber home on April 9, 1901. One was a three seated spring wagon with a top on. Dad was the driver with Doll and Pearl. The other one was an open one seated buggy with Mollie hitched in, she was a black coon-footed mare. Doll was also black while Pearl was dark brown with black tail and mane. They were all three farm horses and heavy with foal which all three had within two weeks.

Fannie, the oldest girl, 19 years old, drove Mollie in the buggy for the whole trip, five days till we got to our destination at Oakland, Maryland. In the spring wagon with Dad and Mother were Lizzie, Mary, Dora, Ross and Roy twins seven years old. one of us three girls was usually in the buggy with Fannie. We traveled about forty miles the first day. We also had our dog, a black and white shepherd, called Watchie. He walked all day the first day until we came up into the Blue Ridge Mt. We came to an abandoned schoolhouse, which I believe Father had known about, and as a destination for our first day. It was dark by the time we got there and it was very cold with a bit of snow on the ground.

We ate a bit of supper which Mother and Fannie prepared, Father took care of the horses, he tied them to posts or trees beside the school house, out of the wind as much as he could. We had two lanterns along with us, one we had in the house to see by while Dad carried one to feed the horses. I think we had watered them before dark at a stream we had to ford. There were very few, if any, small streams with bridges, some of these were quite high with water. At times the water would come up to the buggy beds, then we would have to lift all the perishables up onto the seats.

During the first night the horses got scared and some had tore loose. We could hear Dad grabbing the lantern and running out the door calling, whoa Doll, whoa Pearl, whoa. He had quite a time with them, they threw his lantern over which broke the globe, leaving him in the dark to get along as best he could. After he had quieted them down, he came in again but I doubt that Dad and Mom slept much that night.

We were all felling good but Lizzie, she was sick for the first two days. The last 3 days she was feeling alright. When we came to a long hill we all got out and walked, but mostly to get warm. Fannie got so cold in the buggy the second day that she had decided to just let herself freeze stiff, but she always got out and walked before she was frozen.

The second day we did not travel as many miles, as we were in the mountains. We stayed at a farm and they allowed us to use the stable which was some distance from the house. We ate supper again and all slept in the hay loft and were very comfortable. Dad had gone from where we were sleeping up to the house for something after dark. He carried the lit lantern and the dog, Watchie was with him. On his return trip he heard a commotion in back of him and he turned around holding his lantern to see. A cow with her head down was after the dog and the dog ran to Dad for refuge. The cow caught Dad with one horn going through his coat splitting it until her horn was released. Dan was by the fence by then and got across none too soon. This cow had a new calf and did not allow intruders. If I recall right, this man's name was Wright.

We started off again the next day at day break, our destination was the home of people by the name of Cook, whom the people we had stayed told us about. Pearl, one of the horses got sick during the day with colic and wanted to lie down every time we stopped to let them rest. As soon as we came to Cook's we unhitched her and took the harness off as quick as possible. She would lie down and roll and roll then get up and stick her neck out and open her mouth, stick her upper lip out as far as she was able, then lie down and roll again. Mary went with one of the Cook's children to a neighbor's house to get a man that was a back country veterinarian. He came back with the girls, looked Pearl over and got a pint of common salt and warm water, almost hot, one quart of it and poured this in front of the hip bone, rubbing vigorously all the time he applied the water, this gave a white lather on her. She got better very soon and was well enough to travel on the next day. We tried this salt remedy after this when she got colic and it always worked. We traveled slowly on, not much happening the last day.

We all sat straight and were eagerly looking for familiar sights as we were crossing the big Backbone Mt. Of course we walked all the way up and rode down. When we got to Table Rock we could see the valley below where our new home was to be. We turned right where what is now U. S. Route 50 onto a narrow dirt road, they were all dirt roads then. We wound in and out down the west side of the backbone. When we came down a few miles we crossed a little creek. Dad pointed to the left and said this is part of our farm which consisted of some 700 acres. All we could see was Alder and wet marshy land. It did have a wire fence along the road for about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. At the corner of the woods we turned right a few rods. To the right side of the road sitting up just a bit off the road was a house.

We pulled up and stopped. This was our neighbor on the east by the name of Joel Schlabach and his wife Big Sue, they had no children. We arrived in the afternoon around 5 o'clock. That night we slept in nice warm beds. Fannie had a nightmare that night, she started hollering, whoa Mollie whoa, she was down on her knees at the front of the bed, leaning out over and fishing with her hands for the lines which she had in her hands for five days and thought they had just slipped out of her hands, down over the dash board in back of the horse. She thought she must get them before Molley starts running. But in the meantime Dad and Mom came to her rescue, woke her and got her under the covers for the rest of the night.

The next day was Saturday, so the oldest went with Dad and Mom over to our new home, They had to cross Cherrie Creek by fording it since there was no bridge across at that time. The water came up in the spring wagon bed. Our new home was the old General Kelly house, and plantation consisting of 700 acres, more or less. About 300 acres were fenced in, but was very wet and full of brush, large bogs, big alder patches and lots of glade grass which was flattened down by the winter snows. The buildings consisted of the main house where General Kelly lived and died.

It had many additions built onto it. There was a one room log house with a loft in and a leanto room which we used for a chicken house. This set to the left of the road as you drove in, the large house was on the right side, there were some large oak trees, a lot of pine, some balsom of gilerd, some waving asp, a porch all along the front with a nice lattice to hide it all. There was a wood shed out back and in line with the little house. There were five rooms and a hall with only three rooms upstairs, one was in the loft of the house where Kelly died.

There was a stable 100 rods away from the house, also on the right of the road as you drove in. The folks cleaned up the house so we could move in on Monday. The George Fulmer family was still living there but were moving out. That Saturday was a long day for the four small children, evening finally came and the rest of the family returned. We were at Joels all night again. The next morning they hitched two horses to the sled and we all piled in and went to church at the home of Sol Schlabach. He was a brother to Joel, their sister, Little Sus kept house for Sol. They had taken a young boy into their home some years before, a cousin or relative of theirs. This boy later turned out to be a carpenter then still later a Chiropractor and did practice in Lancaster, Pennsylvania for around forty years by the name of Roy D. Becker.

I think we all stayed at Sols for dinner which they served to the whole church. They put two benches together for the table and put nice white table cloth on. They served bread, butter, apple butter, red beets, pickles, and coffee to those who cared for it, cookies and dried apple snitz pie baked in half moons. These were very delicious as was all the food. A plate, knife, fork and spoon was placed for each. This serving of meals was practiced for many years and caused quite a disturbance when some wanted to discontinue it and did. The ministers were Jonas Peterschein who lived at Aurora, West Virginia, about 10 miles away, and old Peter Miller, who with his wife Polly lived at Gortner, Maryland. This Peter Miller came from Germany and lived at Big Youghiogheny River south of Red House, Md., in their early years and when my mother, Mrs. Simon Lichty, (maiden name, Sarah D. Beachy) worked for them. In later years when they were well up in years Poll's clothes caught fire when she was burning trash and burned her very badly that she died three days later and was buried on the old Kelly farm. This happened at Gortner, Maryland. Peter came along home with us and never went back to his own home again. He lived with us for 12 or more years till he died. Peter had come from Germany at the age of seventeen years. He had ran away from the folks where he was a slave or serf.

He escaped by night, climbing the tall iron fence and getting across the top by taking off his coat and put it across the sharp points on top, crawling across it and down the other side. He took a small boat for America with some other people who were fleeing the compulsory military officers. They were on the ocean six months and landed in New York. From there Peter came to Oakland, Maryland, where he met the Gortners that he had known back in Gross Hessen, Germany. Being a serf, he was not even permitted to go to the house for any reason at all and slept in the barn or sheep stable where they often in extreme cold weather would roll back the sheep manure, put in clean hay and sleep there on the warmth of the heated manure. This took place about 1840. Peter later met Polly Hochstetler from Conemach, close to Johnstown, Pennsylvania and married her. This union was never blessed with any children of their own, but they had taken two children to raise, a boy William Davis and a girl, Lizzie Detrich.

The Lichty family lived in the Kelly house for seven years and had all the water to carry several hundred yards. In 1907 they built a house down by the spring. Earlier in 1903 they had built a large barn close by. They lived here until 1923 when Mother died and Father died in 1932. In 1903 Fannie went to Ohio and met and married John Stutzman in 1904.

Later, this is now New Years Day, 1960 and many things happened since. These children are all married but two, Mary and Ross still living on the Kelly farm. The other children live within five miles of each other, except the oldest, Jonas, who lives at Salisbury, Pa. All nine of us are still living. Brother Noah is very low, he had a stroke about two years ago and never gained back as he was before. He is 76 years old; Jonas will be 80 if he lives till May. Ross and Roy the twins, the youngest of the family will be 67 if they live till March. Dora-- Copied Sept. 29, 1962 by Benj. S. Summy, 80 years old, Springs, Pa.

BISHOP JOHN P. MAST

1826 - 1888

Brief Life Sketch of Bishop Mast

Bishop John P. Mast, born in 1826 was a lifelong resident of Caernarvon Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. He received his education in his native locality. After completing his literary training, he began, early in life, in agricultural pursuits. He was united in marriage to Anna Zook, who was born January 12, 1828, died July 4, 1903. She was born in East Whiteland township, Chester County, Pennsylvania being the daughter of Henry Zook who in 1833 migrated to West Lampetre Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to which union was no issue. He was ordained to the ministry in 1852 and in 1877 elected to the office of bishop and ordained by Bishop Samuel Yoder of Belleville, Pennsylvania, and Deacon John Stoltzfus of Concord, Tennessee. He also in connection operated several large farms, and a flour mill which he had erected and operated. After his death it was owned for many years by the Morgantown Milling Company which in recent years was totally destroyed by fire. Bishop Mast labored in season and out of season. He thoroughly understood the people, and they had full confidence in his advice and judgment in temporal as well as spiritual affairs. He was sympathetic and considerate of every one with whom he came in contact. His amiable disposition and even temperament made him one of the most approachable of men. His kindliness of manner commended him as a model preacher, and there was never any friction between him and his congregation. His members believed in him as no other man, and he was held by them in the greatest affection as a counsellor, preacher and friend. He was amiable, charitable and always good natured, and his dear life companion always made the home a continual place of sunshine where hundreds of visitors were always welcome. There were few men who enjoyed a wider acquaintance throughout the adjoining counties of his own than Bishop Mast. As a preacher he was practical and eloquent. He drew his lessons from every day life, and his sermons were based on old-fashioned Gospel truths, and ran in a channel of thought that all could understand and at all times directed his hearers to prepare for the better land above. He addressed his people as a kind father would a child, and in this lay one of the sources of his popularity. He died June 11, 1888 while walking through a field. His death came instantly from heart failure. His name was for many years a house-hold word through his entire section. Over one thousand people attended his funeral to pay the last tribute of respect for one who always showed a warm heart to all classes. The remains of Bishop Mast and his beloved wife were interred in Pine Grove Cemetery. This is also the last earthly resting place of his great-grandfather Bishop Jacob Mast 1738-1808 a native of Switzerland who had emigrated to America, November 3, 1750.

-Mast Family History - 1911

AN AMISH BISHOP'S FUNERAL

More than 1500 persons attended the funeral of Bishop John P. Mast, June 14, 1888. All roads in lower Berks led to the Mast homestead, near Morgantown. The mourners came from Robeson, Cunru, Breeknock and Caernarvon in Berks County. Hundreds of others came from Lancaster, Lebanon, Chester and Montgomery Counties. More than 350 carriages came to the farm and more than half of these joined the long funeral procession that plodded its way to the grave. A great man had gone to his reward.

The square-rigged buggies began to arrive at daybreak. Young Amishmen served as hostlers. The first act was to chalk a number upon the horse's bridle and to hand the owner of the team a ticket bearing the same number. Horses were all unhitched and fed by these efficient farm lads and in spite of over-crowded conditions in the barn and adjoining buildings there was not a single instance of neglect or mismanagement. An eye witness, reporting the funeral, records that these boys "were courteous and gentlemanly, spoke good English and possessed the rare accomplishment of being able to look a man squarely in the face."

The scene in the funeral home resembled a Biblical picture of a gathering of the patriarchs. The women removed their black bonnets and revealed their little white "devotion caps" of swiss cambric. A black kerchief was worn draped over their shoulders and a black apron covered the dress. Quietly they sat in reverence. The appearance of the children differed from the elders only in size and bouyancy. They were dressed as the old folks were, only the boys were beardless. The older men sat on chairs near to the officiating clergy. Their long snow-white beards covering their "brust-lappen" and their visages cast in the form of the saints of Old Testament Days.

Once the funeral cortege was on its way to the burial plot in Caernarvon hundreds of busy hands began to prepare the meal which always must follow the funeral. All of the first floor rooms of the farm-house, adjoining porches and summer kitchens and barn floors were converted into dining rooms to accomodate the 2,000 persons who came to partake of the repast.

The custom of feasting at funerals may appear to be barbarous to persons who do not remember the era when that procedure was the accepted order of ceremony. It should be remembered that the mourners came from great distances in carriages which could not travel faster than three or four miles an hour. Refreshments were a vital necessity in those days. The quantities of food consumed at the Mast funeral will serve to show how life was sustained for the weary travelers in those days.

There were 300 pounds of choice beef, 35 large loaves of bread and 900 rusks and buns. There were hundreds of pies and cakes, two boxes of cream cheese, gallons upon gallons of coffee and high heaps of fruit and vegetables.

The diners were seated at the tables in shifts. The number that could be seated at one time at the barn floor table was 40. Young Amish girls hurried from kitchens to the various improvised dining places keeping hot dishes filled and waiting upon the needs of the many guests.

Long before sunset the mourners were on their homeward way. Bishop Mast had had a fine funeral and everyone agreed that he had been "a model, peace to his ashes."

--Taken from Clipping of the Reading paper. June 10, 1941

(Translation from German Script by Stephen R. Stoltzfus)

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This book belongs to me, John P. Mast. My great-grandfather, Jacob Mast came from Switzerland to America in the year 1750, an orphan child, with his Uncle John Mast and lived with him until he was of age (possibly 21). Married Magdalena Holly, daughter of John Holley. In the year 1764 Jacob Mast and John Holley bought the farm near Springfield where the old family graveyard was on. Jacob had a family of twelve children, five sons and seven daughters. He was a Bishop (altersten) of the Amish Mennonite congregation. My grandfather's name was John Mast. He was the oldest son of the family. His wife was Mary Kurtz. He was the bishop-deacon of the same church called Conestoga Church. My father's name was Daniel, the youngest son of John. He was minister of the gospel in the same church for more than fifty years. My mother's name was Rachel Blank, a daughter of John Blank, the oldest minister of the Pequea Church. I was born in the year 1826 on the 15th of November. I was baptized by John Stoltzfus Jr. In the year 1852 I was ordained to the ministry by John S. Stoltzfus and David Beiler in the Jacob Mast home. Isaac Mast and Casper Swartzentruber were also in the lot.

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1877 September 22, 17 souls baptized at Pequea
 1877 _____ out of the ban taken into the Church
 1877 Four persons baptized into the church in Maryland
 1877 December 6, Levi Umble married to Christiana Swartzentruber
 1877 December 13, Elias Fisher married to Hannah Kurtz
 1877 December 18, Aaron Stoltzfus married to Katie Mast

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1878 September 29, Four souls baptized at Conestoga
 1878 October 20, Communion held at Pequea
 1878 October 27, Communion held at Conestoga
 1878 December 24, John Kennel married to _____ Deiner
 1879 May 11, Communion held at Conestoga
 1879 May 18, Communion held at Pequea
 1879 June 2, Communion held at Maryland
 1879 July 15, I was called by Barbara Zook at Ephrata to come and baptize her. My father went along, we found her real weak in the forenoon, so we thought it could not be accomplished. Afternoons she became somewhat better and could talk. She wished to be baptized and was with nothing less to be satisfied, because

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the Lord says who believes and is baptized shall be saved. I asked her why she put it off so long, because she was already in her 91st year. She said that in her youth she didn't get so far and was sorry. And when she became older she did not have the chance to join the church of her choice. Because she was so weak we tried to satisfy her that the Lord through His grace be worthy of admission with the murder at the cross. But she hoped if it today couldn't happen and the Lord lets her live until tomorrow she hoped to find someone to baptize her. She then became somewhat stronger and then through her belief and promise was baptized, which seemed to satisfy her conscience that she felt ready to leave the world. And we went on our journey pleased and the next day she died. That a person must think she received grace at the eleventh hour.

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1879 September 14, Three souls baptized at Maryland: John Kennel, Moses Nafzinger and George Ritter
 1879 September 21, Four souls baptized at Pequea: Samuel Petersheim, Christian Umble, Barbara Glick and Malinda Glick
 1879 October 12, Communion held at Conestoga
 1879 October 19, Communion held at Pequea
 1879 December 23, Abraham Stoltzfus married to Susanna Neuhauser
 1880 May 2, Communion held at Pequea
 1880 May 9, Communion held at Conestoga
 1880 June 27, George Ritter and wife, Maryland, taken out of ban
 1880 September 19, Eight souls baptized in Pequea: Elias Stoltzfus, Elias Kennel, Stini Lantz, Mary Lantz, Mattie Glick

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1880 September 26, Five souls baptized by J. P. King: John S. Mast, Stephen Mast, Henry Zug, Lydia Beiler and Christian Zug
 1880 October 3, Eight souls baptized in Maryland: George Spertzel, Jonathan Neuhauser, Christian Neuhauser, John Nafzinger, Catherine Warfel, Cora Lehman, Elizabeth Nofzinger and Anna Kennel
 1880 October 17, Communion held at Pequea
 1880 October 24, Communion held at Conestoga
 1881 March 24, George Spertzel and Annie Hertzler married
 1881 December 25, Menno Kauffman and Lydia Glick married
 1882 September 17, Susan Petersheim baptized at Pequea

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1881 September 18, Eight souls baptized at Pequea: Isaac Swartz, Benjamin Stoltzfus, John M. Stoltzfus, John Mast, Jonas Newhauser, Lydia Neuhauser, Malinda Mast and Sarah Petersheim.
 1881 September 25, Henry Troyer baptized at Conestoga
 1881 October 9, Communion held at Conestoga
 1881 October 16, Communion held at Pequea
 1882 Communion held at Conestoga and at Pequea
 1882 December, Henry Summers married to Rachel Stoltzfus
 1882 December, Daniel Petersheim married to Anna Kennel
 1882 Daniel Z. Mast married to Elizabeth Hertzler
 1883 January 18, Samuel Algier married to Priscilla Umble
 1883 Christian Esch married to Lydia Beiler

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1883 May 6, Communion held at Conestoga
 1883 May 13, Communion held at Pequea
 1883 May 28, Communion held at Buffalo Valley
 1883 June 24, The Samuel Stoltzfus funeral sermon: T John 5 c vers. 24-29
 1883 September 16, Young folks baptized at Pequea: Samuel Glick, John Fritz, Rufus Stoltzfus, Nikus Petersheim, Christian Summers, Joseph Glick and William Groff
 1883 October 14, Communion held at Pequea
 1883 October 21, Communion held at Conestoga, J. P. King was here
 1883 December, Benjamin Sommers married to Elizabeth Stoltzfus
 1883 Henry Zook married to Elizabeth Stoltzfus

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1883 December 25, Henry Smucker married to Susanna Schwartz
 1884 May 4, Communion held at Conestoga, Daniel Z. Mast through votes and lot ordained to the ministry
 1884 May 9, Communion held at Pequea, John P. Kennel ordained to deacon
 1884 May 12-13, I was chosen by John Weri (Wary) and Michael Smocker to help adjust difficulties in Kishacoquillas Valley at upper church house and after a few days labor a few found in fault of which they openly confessed and the deacon _____ silenced from his office a certain time and took the voice to hold communion the 16th where the Lord's crucifixion was preached by John Weri and more than fifty members took part at the communion.
 1884 May 14, I and Jonathan Lantz were at the river church to preach the crucifixion and suffering of the Lord by J. Lantz and Michael Yoder called to the ministry as Bishop (altersten) through votes from the church. The ordination performed or directed by J. Lantz.

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1884 May 17, Communion held at _____ Valley at the lower church house where a large assembly of brothers and sisters took part. In the evening we visited Bishop (altersten) Samuel Yoder. He was about to depart from this life. I tried to comfort and strengthen him. He answered by saying the comforting is aplenty. And we departed for the last time with him on earth. He died the 18th of May at which day I went home.
 1884 September 21, Five souls baptized by D. J. Zug in the Conestoga Church: Jonas Riehl, Amos Kurtz, John Hertzler, Joseph Hertzler and Sarah Kurtz
 1884 September 28, Five souls baptized in the church at Pequea: Aaron Stoltzfus, J. Riehl, Isaax Neuhauser, _____ Neuhauser and _____ Heller
 1884 October 19, Communion held at Conestoga
 1884 October 26, Communion held at Pequea
 1884 November 23, Jacob Glick through baptism taken into the church at Pequea and the same day relieved or took the ministry from _____, and he chose to excommunicate himself from the church.

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1885 January 1, Christian Umble married to Elizabeth Fisher
 1885 January 8, John S. Mast married to Christiana Zook
 1885 January 13, John Fritz married to Sarah Stoltzfus
 1885 January 15, Jonathan Kauffman married to Mary Esch

1885 January 15, Jonathan Lohr married to Lydia Glick
 1885 February 22, David Glick married to Mary Mast
 1885 March 14, I, John Wari and M. Smucker went to the Valley to adjust disputes and labored for three days and received much complaint and closed the matter with the voice of the church all agreed except the matter concerning D. Zook, things the church did not approve. He accepted a confession of fault with the rest.

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1885 April 12, _____ taken from the ban into the church as a church brother.
 1885 May 10, Communion held at Pequea
 1885 May 14, Communion held at Conestoga
 1885 May 17, I was in Maryland at David Warfel's funeral
 1885 May 29, Held communion in Maryland
 1885 September 27, Three souls baptized into the church at Pequea: Elizabeth Hertzler, Lydia Yoder and Lydia Hertzler
 1885 October 18, Held communion at our church house, attendance pretty good
 1885 October 24, I and D. Z. Mast and Jonathan Yoder present at Pequea and held communion
 1885 October 29, Amos Headings married to Susan Petersheim
 1885 October 27, _____ and _____ excommunicated themselves from the church and I told the congregation and the brotherhood was counseled and they were advised to better their life.
 1886 February 21, _____ taken out of the ban into the church and took voice of the church to transfer J. M. Shertz to the Mennonites and if he proves to be an honest member there the excommunication shall be lifted.

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1885 December 10, Stephen H. Mast married to Sarah Stoltzfus
 1885 December 15, David Hartz married to Mary Lantz
 1886 January 12, Amos Stoltzfus married to Magdalena Summers
 1886 May 16, Communion held at Conestoga
 1886 May 23, Communion held at Pequea
 1886 October 3, Elizabeth Stoltzfus baptized and taken into the church
 1886 October 31, Communion held at Conestoga
 1886 November 13, Jacob Neuhauser baptized and taken into the church at Christian Kauffmans
 1886 November 14, Levi Riehl, Henry Umble, Fannie and Sarah Neuhauser through baptism taken into the church at Pequea

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1886 November 14, _____ from the ban taken into the church at Pequea
 1886 November 21, Communion held at Pequea
 1886 December 16, Amos Stoltzfus married to Sarah Glick at Christian Glicks
 1887 January 27, Henry Troyer married to Annie Neuhauser at Abram Stoltzfus
 1887 February 7, Jonas Neuhauser married to Malinda Mast at Pequea church house
 1887 May 15, Communion held at Conestoga
 1887 May 22, Communion held at Pequea
 1887 May 29, Were to Maryland, held communion at Louis Yoder
 1887 September 18, Six souls baptized at Conestoga: John Mast, David Mast, Samuel Hertzler, Barbara Mast, Lydia Mast and Malinda Zook

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1887 September 25, Ten souls baptized at Pequea: Jacob Umble, Ezra Stoltzfus, John Esch, Jonas Hertzler, Christian Glick, Elizabeth Summers, Tillie and Annie Blank, Annie Umble and Salome Mast
 1887 October 2, _____ expelled from the church with the expectation he better his life
 1887 October 12, Communion held at Conestoga
 1887 October 23, Communion held at Pequea
 1887 November 6, Jacob Kauffman baptized and taken into the church at his house in his 86 year
 1887 November 15, A. C. Glick married to Mattie Deiner
 1887 December 1, Isaac S. Kurtz married to Susana Esch
 1887 December 22, Aaron S. Stoltzfus married to Sarah Kauffman
 1887 December 27, John Stoltzfus married to Lizzie Neuhauser
 1888 January 19, David Summers married to Barbara Mast

Note: This life history was presented to us by a bishop friend and we think it merits attention to the the point that he was raised in the Old Order Amish congregation in the Conestoga Valley, where he was ordained bishop and we believe he was a living example to the church. Unfortunately, the nation-wide (about 1877) split occurred in the time of his office. To this he chose the more liberal mode and led the way for four more progressive cousins. It can clearly be marked from the writings of his record book, that at the beginning he adhered close to the principles of our fathers, in: communion and excommunication as well as taking expelled members out of the ban, etc. (By the editor)

A word about farm implements has been preserved by David Beiler. He says, I will also tell about the farm implements. Sixty years ago we had ploughs that had no metal. They were of wood. We knew nothing at all of cultivators at that time nor of threshing machines or of horse-drawn rakes. That was hard work. In the winter the grain was trampled out by the horses. That was work for the boys.

He goes on in the same passage to say that horses were not tied in the stables and they wore a simple harness with saddles and bridles to correspond. Wagons were unpainted.¹

Amish farmers have always been known for their use of manure. Some farmers in early American history considered manure a nuisance; not so the thrifty Amish farmer. So important was the proper use of manure that Jacob Beiler specified in his will that the tenant "shall haul out the Dung for her and plow and harrow the land where she will have it."

Not only did the Amish family care for the farm, but the farm cared for the Amish family and that beyond the lifetime of the Amish farmer himself. A study of the old Amish wills gives the historian much insight into the concern that the Amishman had for his widow and children after he laid down the burden of life.²

Jacob Mast in 1808 in the Conestoga Valley began his will by specifying that "the house in which we dwell shall be kept in order for my dear and beloved wife."³ John Kurtz in his will of 1796 provided a place in Tulpehocken Valley for his widow for she was to have the liberty to live in the small room and the use of the kitchen which is inside of it in the house I now live in, so much room in the cellar and on the garret to put her things as she has occasion for and where she pleases, the use of the bake oven with free egress, ingress and regress.⁴

In 1804 Christian Beiler in Lancaster County provided a place for his widow Anna by saying it is my will that my son Jacob Beiler shall build a little house for his mother to live in and by so doing I bequeath to him fifty pounds in gold or silver, but if my said son Jacob should refuse to keep his mother and build a house for her, then it is my will that one of my other sons may have her upon the same conditions.⁵

But a house for the widow was not enough. She was also provided furniture in many instances. John Kurtz in the will already referred to also ordered that his widow should have two beds with bedsteads and "whatsoever thereunto belonging," and two chests. Jacob Mast of the Conestoga Valley requested that his widow have the right to keep the beds, chest, and kitchen furniture as she wants.

However, a place to live and furniture for that place are not given as much space in Amish wills as are the detailed instructions about what the widow is entitled to for her sustenance and welfare. Jacob Beiler of the Northkill settlement in 1765 after bequeathing to his widow "the old house and the stable near it" goes on to bequeath her

the garden before the door and three cherry trees thereby and one piece of meadow . . . behind the old barn and the privilege of water thereto and one piece of land on the lower side of the lane where the hemp patch lies about an acre more or less. She may use it as she pleases . . . she has the right to two rows of trees in the orchard. These she may choose yearly and ten bushels of wheat and five rye and 20 bundles of straw and one quarter of flax the owner or tenant must give her yearly, but the flax must be on the same land where she has flax. Fourthly, she has the right to keep one or two cows in the field or meadow . . . She has also the right to keep one hog.⁶

The Amish wills reveal a uniform concern for the welfare of the widow and many quotations could be found to show this. A further examination of John Kurtz's will of 1796 reveals a few additional customary practices of the Amish in Berks County during the eighteenth century. After specifying that his widow should receive ten bushels of "good wheat," and three bushels of "good rye," and three bushels of buckwheat, Kurtz ordered that the grain be taken to the mill "from time to time" and that the meal and bran is to be returned to his widow's dwelling. Fifty pounds of beef and as many hens or fowls or eggs as she needs were to be provided and firewood was to be delivered to her dwelling. The twenty pounds of hatched flax and five pounds of "good" wool were doubtless included to provide the widow with what she needed to make her clothing. The will designated, too,

¹Umble, John, *op. cit.*, p. 102.

²For a thorough treatment of wills in Lancaster, Berks, and other Pennsylvania German counties see *Pennsylvania German Wills* by Russell Wieder Gilbert in Volume 15 of the *Pennsylvania German Folklore Society*, (Allentown, Pa., 195-). In the main Amish wills reflect the same detailed concern for widow, children and religion as found in the wills which Prof. Gilbert analyzes.

³Mast, C. Z., *Mast Family History: A Brief History of Bishop Jacob Mast and Other Mast Pioneers*, p. 23, Elverson, Pa., (1911)

⁴Will of John Kurtz in possession of Herbert F. Kurtz, Womelsdorf, Pa. Recorded in Register General's Office, Courthouse, Reading, Pa., Vol. B, p. 440.

⁵Register of Wills Office Book K, Vol. 1, page 195, Lancaster, Pa.

⁶Register General's Office, Courthouse, Reading, Pa. Will Book No. 2, page 87.

that she receive one gallon of rum, two gallons of whiskey and if the apple crop was sufficient she was due to receive two barrels "good cyder." Six pounds of tallow were due her for candles. Her own preference for garden space was to be respected and it was understood that this garden plot was to receive dung as it required. The widow's need for transportation was not overlooked for she was to have a horse with saddle and bridle "when she will ride out." A cow was to be kept in "good provender" during both winter and summer. This Amishman looked forward to the day when his widow could no longer milk the cow and make the butter. In that case she was to be given "so much good milk and butter as she has need of." Finally, as the widow grew "infirm or sick" the children were to "give and find her good attendance."

Requests to the children were not nearly as detailed. Jacob Beiler's will gave 30 pounds to each of his ten children in 1765. In Christian Beiler's will of 1804 each of his children were to receive a Bible.

What if the widow should remarry? This possibility was not overlooked. Jacob Beiler stated that his will was to obtain as long as his wife remains a widow, but if she marries again her widow seat is forfeited and she "hath no longer to enjoy or demand of all these above-mentioned." Christian Miller's will of 1791 refers three times to the possibility of his widow's remarriage. His final bequest to his wife was that she should receive a third of what remained "but if she marry again then she shall have only one child's share."

Education of the children must have been largely the function of the family even as it is today in the typical Amish home. David Beiler records that in the Amish communities of 1800 and before children did not go to school every winter for months at a time. "One was satisfied with learning to read and write."¹ In these simple, primitive Amish communities it was even customary in some instances for the people to walk to church, especially the younger ones. Older people rode on horseback.²

Marriage, if carried out in loyalty to the Amish faith, took place only between members of the church. "Outside" marriages did occur but not with the approval of the church leaders and perhaps always with the result that the one marrying "outside" lost his Amish church membership. Family records from the second half of the eighteenth century to the present show how intertwined and interrelated are the Amish families. During the generations of Amish community life Amish marriages have been with scarcely a single exception between persons bearing the names of Yoder, Hostetler, Beiler, King, Mast, Kurtz, Stoltzfus, Hertzler, Zook, Miller, Fisher, Esch, Hooley, Smucker, Speicher, Lapp, Blank and Plank. When the Amish communities were small and scattered as in the eighteenth and into the nineteenth century, there must have been numerous marriages between cousins. David Beiler records that when his father-in-law wished to marry about 1750 or 1755 he was refused consent by the ministers and was delayed because he and his prospective bride were first cousins and were considered too closely related.³

KEEPING THE FAITH

As referred to above, the Mennonites of eastern Pennsylvania in 1773 reported to their brethren in Holland that the newly established Amish communities in America were holding "very fast to the outward and ancient institutions." But any observer of present Amish life or any student of Amish history at any place or period could venture the guess that these "ancient institutions" must have included the Amish ways in farm and family life, dress and language and--most important of all--the Amish pattern in church organization, order of services, church discipline, and separatistic practices.

Throughout Amish history the peculiar folkways and customs of these people have always been associated with their religious faith. It has been their religious faith which demanded or gave sanction to customs in dress, language, and patterns of community life. It has been their religious faith that called for a nonconformity to the world in regard to taking the oath, engaging in warfare and going to law or holding public office. What traces are there of these expressions of Amish faith during the period of the earliest settlements in America?

In matters of dress there are a few records that preserve something about Amish costumes in the early period. One writer refers to the "long beards of the men and the short petticoats of the females, just covering the knee," as attracting the attention of English settlers. The same writer adds that,

The men wore long, red caps on their heads; the women had neither bonnets, hats or caps but merely a string passing around the head to keep the hair from the face. The dress both of female and male was domestic, quite plain, made of a coarse material, after an old fashion of their own.⁴

Another writer comments on the dress of the Amish and other sects in this way: Though they differed widely among themselves, they could at a glance be recognized by their peculiar garments, said to have been a survival of the ordinary attire

¹Umble, John, op. cit., p. 102.

²Ibid., p. 101.

³Ibid., p. 104.

⁴Conyngham, Redmond, op. cit., p. 150

of the German peasantry of the sixteenth century, which had long been discarded by the "world's people."¹

The custom of the men wearing hooks and eyes is traditionally ascribed to the claim that the Amish preferred these to buttons which at one period of their history in Europe were associated with military uniforms. The later bonnets of the women, it is believed by Amish and Mennonite historians were derived from the Quakers and after being adopted were steadfastly held to. The same is believed, too, regarding the black, broad-brimmed hats of the men. Long hair was common among men of colonial Pennsylvania and though no picture of the Amish of that period is known to exist, one can see a resemblance between the haircut of William Penn and that of the early and later generations of Amish.

The language used by the Amish was a dialect of South Germany and as such had much in common with the dialect that thousands of other Pennsylvania Germans used. Letters were written in German and entries into family Bibles were also in German. The language was not only a tradition but because, as time went on, it served to emphasize a separation from the world, it came to be sacred and was given religious sanction.

Literature was not abundant in Amish homes of these early decades and generations. The German Bible, the Ausbund (Amish hymnal), the Dortrecht Confession of Faith, and perhaps a copy of Martyr's Mirror were the standard and perhaps maximum number of books.² The Martyr's Mirror contains a record of the early Christian martyrs and of the Anabaptists and a number of present day Amish families have copies that go back many generations.³

As already noted church services were held in the home with the exception of the settlement in Chester Valley. Services of worship were simple in order though lengthy. The responsibility of church administration was placed in the hands of three men: the bishop, known as the "Voelliger-Diener"; the minister, known as "Diener zum Buch"; and the deacon, known as "Armen-Diener."

The bishop's duties were to preach, baptize new members, excommunicate unrepentant members, and to ordain ministers and deacons. The minister's duties were to preach, counsel with the bishop and deacon and to pray with the church. The deacon read the Scripture in the church services, assisted the bishop in baptism, received the church's alms and took care of the widows and orphans. The deacon was also responsible for administering discipline according to the standards of the church and to adjust differences between members.

The Amish of the period covered in this study have been referred to by a historian as not serving on juries, performing military service or taking an oath.⁴ So long as the Quakers were in control of the government of Pennsylvania the Amish could be assured of the recognition of their conscience on these matters since in many respects the Quakers had a similar conscience. The new assembly which succeeded the Quakers in 1757, however, also provided for non-resistants by decreeing alternative service to the state in lieu of the bearing of arms. The militia act of 1757 so specified in one of its clauses, mentioning "Quakers, Mennonites, Moravians and others conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms."⁵ The Revolutionary War brought a further test. On July 18, 1775, the Continental Congress created Committees of Safety, but remembered the Quakers, Mennonites, Amish, Dunkards, Schweikfelders, Moravians and others in a provision that said,

As there are some people who from Religious Principles can not bear Arms in any case, this Congress intends no Violence to their Consciences, but earnestly recommend it to them to contribute liberally, in this time of universal calamity, to the relief of their distressed Brethren in the several Colonies, and to do all other service to their oppressed country which they can consistently with their Religious principles.⁶

Just what service or taxes were rendered by the Amish in the Revolutionary War it is impossible to say. There were differences among the Mennonites on this question and there is no record about the Amish. Some historians believe that since the Amish were few in number and scattered, they were largely ignored or allowed to go their own way. It is also believed that since the Amish were farmers their service to the state in producing much needed food "more than balanced any troubles arising out of their pacifism." On June 13, 1777, the state assembly passed an act requiring an oath or affirmation of allegiance to the revolutionary government.⁷ The sects objected to taking the oath, preferring to affirm. The act was never strongly administered by many local officials and no great

¹Dubbs, Joseph Henry, "The Founding of the German Churches of Pennsylvania," Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, XVII, p. 242, (1893).

²For a discussion of the Ausbund see John Umble's article, "The Old Order Amish, Their Hymns and Hymn Tunes" in The Journal of American Folklore, Vol. 52 (January-March, 1939), pp. 82-95. The Ausbund, according to Umble, is the only Protestant hymnal of the sixteenth century still in use.

³For a history of Martyr's Mirror see article by Gerald Studer, "History of Martyr's Mirror" in Mennonite Quarterly Review, XXII, pp. 163-179, (July, 1948).

⁴Conyngnam, Redmond, op. cit., p. 130

⁵Pennsylvania Archives. First Series. III, pp. 128, 129.

⁶Journals of the Continental Congress, 1774-1789, II, p. 189.

⁷Statutes at Large of Pennsylvania, 1682 to 1801, IX, pp. 110-114.

issues seemed to arise. Bender states that, "At any rate, it seems probable that most Mennonites and Amish did not take the oath and that, with the exception of individuals and of particular localities, they did not suffer much from the prescribed penalties."¹

There is record of an important Amish church conference in 1809. According to David Beiler this conference took place because of a rising disunity among the scattered Amish churches. Discipline apparently was not exercised in a uniform manner and parents were not exerting proper influence upon the children. In order to establish unity the ministers appointed delegates to meet and work out a common basis of agreement.²

It is not altogether certain as to where the conference was held. It is generally thought to have been in the Berks-Chester-Lancaster County area and perhaps in Lancaster County. These were the strong centers of Amish settlement. In Mifflin County of central Pennsylvania there was a young settlement and so also in Somerset County of southwestern Pennsylvania. It is rather doubtful if the delegates from the more populous area would have gone to the smaller and distant settlements for the meeting; the reverse would be the more likely in view of travel difficulties of the day.

The outcome of the conference was a document called "articles of agreement, discussed and decided by the ministers of the upper and lower districts."³ The document is a brief one with only nine points and a short conclusion. Apparently one of the problems facing these Amish churches was the loss of members to other churches for the first article states that all who leave to join other churches were to be considered as apostate persons and "shall be recognized as subjects for the ban." Two other articles deal with the ban or shunning of fallen members. Article four states that shunning was to be exercised against banned persons in "eating and drinking, life and work, until they are again received by the church." The fifth article continues the shunning problem by dealing with those in the church who do not properly exclude from their fellowship the apostate ones. This article specifies that anyone who fails to shun those deserving to be shunned "in weakness or in ignorance can be reconciled by confession to the church that he has erred." Intentional failure to shun called for a "full" confession to the church and anyone who persisted and was stubborn in defiance of this rule was himself to be excommunicated. It is clear that the Amish church at this time was faced with a real problem of conserving its members and how to deal with them who were becoming lax on the Amish principle of separation and shunning of the excommunicated ones.

The other articles of the agreement are simple and seem to be of a minor nature in comparison to the serious shunning problem. Doubtless, however, these problems were somewhat serious too. Article two gave permission to "admonish" at funerals within the brotherhood but not outside. Article three made it clear that no member was to be excluded from taking part in the council of the church.

Article six stated that anyone who knowingly swore an oath was to be excommunicated. Anyone who "out of inexperience" swore an oath was required to make a "full" confession. Article seven warned against short haircuts and trimming of the beard. No one could become a church member who did not heed this requirement and those already in the church who violated this regulation were to be "dealt with according to Christian discipline." The eighth article forbade jury service for the brethren of the church. The last article prohibited "proud dresses, proud hats, and combs in the hair and similar worldly clothing." The combs and hats were no doubt prohibited for the women of the church.

The concluding statement called for observing these various articles or points "according to Christian discipline and patience."

The articles were then followed by signatures of Amish ministers who attended the conference. Copies of the articles vary slightly in the number of ministers signing. The best private copy of the document contains twenty-three signatures, all familiar Amish names.⁴

What were the results of the conference? Very little can be found to shed light on the outcome though no similar conference was held for more than half a century. David Beiler recorded that certain of the ministers regretted later that they had signed the articles. It is likely, however, that the conference had a far-reaching effect for succeeding generations of the Amish to the present day have, with certain variations, continued to lay great stress on the shunning of excommunicated members, the non-swearing of oaths, proper haircut and beard, and the prohibition of "proud" clothing. This conference may well have been an important link that bound the Amish to their past in Europe and at the same time confirmed for future generations in America certain of the peculiar emphases of their faith. The next church-wide Amish conference was to be held in 1862.

¹Bender, Wilbur J., Nonresistance in Colonial Pennsylvania, p. 23, Scottdale, Pa. (1949)

²Umble, John, "Memoirs of an Amish Bishop," The Mennonite Quarterly Review, XXII, p. 103, (April, 1948).

³See Appendix II for full text of agreement and names of signers.

⁴See article by Harold S. Bender on "Some Early American Amish Mennonite Disciplines" in The Mennonite Quarterly Review, VIII, pp. 90-98, (April, 1934).

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The history of the earliest Amish Mennonite settlements in America is an account of the transplantation, with some variations, of an Old World culture to the New World. In this respect it is but a paragraph in the chapter of the eighteenth century migrations to Pennsylvania. Along with fellow Rhinelanders, Scotch-Irish, English and Welsh the Amish occupied Pennsylvania and began the process of transforming a wilderness into a productive state.

If civil and political strife had prepared the Scotch-Irish in Scotland and Ireland for the rigors of pioneer life on Pennsylvania's frontier; if English and Welsh settlers were adapted for commerce and government; just so the German peasant had been conditioned by generations, even centuries, for "smiting the earth and making it feed him." The material contribution of the Amish to the province and later the nation has been most noticeable and outstanding in the field of agriculture. Diversified, constructive agriculture as it developed in the Amish communities of the eighteenth century contrasts sharply with the money-crop, plantation and slave system which has characterized large segments of American agriculture.

The Amishman concentrated on the small family farm and if he desired more land, it was for the sake of establishing his children also on family farms. That the Amish and others have been able to achieve a unique family pattern in many places may have implications for the whole of American agriculture. One historian has proposed the thesis that American agricultural patterns are best understood if cultural considerations are given due space.¹ Motives, traditions, and skills are to be taken into account as well as the environmental factors of climate, soil and markets.

German farmers of colonial Pennsylvania came out of a long tradition of diversified and crop-rotating agriculture; Amish farmers among them were especially steeped in such techniques. The fact that this tradition has been able to "clash" with other farming traditions makes possible a study in contrasts and in the economic consequences of religious faith. In the Conestoga Valley these contrasts and results can be observed, even as in the Cumberland Valley and other parts of Pennsylvania. One way in which a contrast can be noticed is in the gradual and permanent displacement of the Welsh and other landowners by the Amish farmers. One cultural group "invaded" another and "conquered." This process was well underway by 1850, the approximate time for the end of this study. Before another century the displacement process had gone much further and the Amish have become almost the sole owners of the Valley farmland. The Amish were a more stable type of rural settlers than were the Welsh whose children followed non-farm pursuits as they made their contribution to state and nation.

Perhaps nowhere is the difference between two ways of life more clearly set forth than in the diary of James L. Morris, the storekeeper in Morgantown. Morris was an attendant and probably a member of the St. Thomas Protestant Episcopal Church in Morgantown. He was buried in the church's cemetery in 1849, having died at the age of thirty-nine years. This observant storekeeper noted the farming practices of his Amish neighbors and recorded them as one who was highly impressed by the progressive methods of a traditional people.

The "enterprising" David Mast who was "not too timid to indulge in experiments" and who skillfully increased the fertility of his land by using bone dust seemed especially to attract Morris' attention. Had Morris known the background of the Amish people, he would not have been surprised at all by such pioneering. He would have recognized that David Mast was merely continuing methods and practices which his forebears brought with them from the Rhineland a hundred years before. One is impressed, too, by the apparent good-will and approval which characterized the observations of Morris. Different cultural groups in this small community supplemented each other then and later.

As the Amishman of colonial Pennsylvania established himself on the land he established the basis for a patriarchal type of family life which was to persist in the American scene. One needs only to study early Amish wills to see that for the Amishman the continuation and well-being of the family was the vital thing. He believed it was a divine institution. He knew of no better way to preserve the family than to secure it on land that was close to the land of others who shared his unique faith and values.²

To conclude with the above paragraphs would be to overlook the real basis for the unique economic and social achievements for which these Amish settlers and their descendants later became known. A religious faith and ethical system underlay as a foundation the socio-economic patterns in southeastern Pennsylvania even as it had in Europe. It has been said that Amish life and culture is integrated by farm, family and faith. All of

¹Shryock, Richard H., "British versus German Traditions in Colonial Agriculture," The Mississippi Valley Historical Review, XXVI, No. 1, pp. 39-54 (June, 1939).

²See Mayer F. Nimkoff's Marriage and the Family, pp. 241-255, New York, Chicago, (1947). Nimkoff regards the contemporary Amish as a study in arrested social change. "It is as though the evolution of the family had been frozen in Germany and Switzerland two or three hundred years ago. The Amish are like an archeological find . . . These 'Plain People' are much more significant sociologically than their small numbers would suggest."

these integrating forces can be seen in the early settlements. Farm and family have already been referred to in this conclusion. Religious faith has been called the cement which bound the Amish communities together and enabled them to survive difficulties of planting their way of life in the New World. This faith expressed itself in a simple piety and in the leadership of such men as Jacob Hertzler and Jacob Mast. It was transmitted in small, closed communities that with varying success withstood the rigors of the frontier and the secularizing of neighbors who had other beliefs. It was retained amidst a revolutionary transition in government when a colonial province became a national state. As settlements became scattered and the western frontier opened, the faith of the Amish was reaffirmed in the conference of 1809. At this conference the protection of the old Amish doctrine of a "pure" church stands out. To make the Amish settlements secure in the New World the religious tenets had to be clarified and applied, especially the ones stressing the separatistic aspects.

That the Amish were successful in this attempt is clear from later history. It is true that thousands of the descendants of these people no longer hold to the Amish faith and ways, but it is also true that thousands have done so and continue to do so in numerous communities throughout many parts of the United States. As one historian notes, two hundred years and more have not "melted" the culture of these people who still retain their faith, language and folkways. The same historian is "inclined to predict that after the lapse of another two centuries the Teuton atmosphere will still linger around the old farms of Berks and Lancaster Counties."¹

EARLY AMISH PETITION

To the most worshipful and respectable Proprietor of the Province, William Penn, and His Deputy Governor:

We came to Pennsylvania to seek an asylum from the persecution to which we had been subjected in Europe. We knew the character of William Penn, and rejoiced that God had made such a man. We had been told that the Indian right to the soil had been extinguished by purchase, to enable the conscientiously scrupulous to settle and enjoy their religious opinions without restraint. It was with primitive notions like the Patriarchs of antiquity we removed to the land of promise, but to our grief and surprise and mortification the government neither respected the conscience of the proprietary nor the faith of the Mymenish. We were invited to settle in this land by William Penn.

Listen to us; if you do not, who will? We are required to obey laws in whose making we cannot participate. We are governed by the laws of God, you by the laws of man. Those of human authority cannot control us in opposition to His will declared in Holy Scriptures. We do not attend elections, we enter not your Courts of Justice, we hold no offices either civil or military. We did not object to the payment of our land, because it was purchased by William Penn, and you are entitled to remuneration, but we do hold it to be a grievance that, entertaining nearly the same opinions as the respectable Society of Friends, we should like them be subjected to Military and Civil Jurisdiction; especially when it is recollected that the head and proprietor, whom we now have the honor through you to address, is himself a member of that society. The Society of Friends, at least, ought to have escaped such treatment. We are not a little people, for the Mennonists and the Tunkards are also liable to be insulted by the tyrant of authority.

We came to Pennsylvania to enjoy freedom of mind and body, expecting no other imposition than that declared by God. As we have been taught to hurt not our neighbors, so do we expect that our neighbors shall do us no injury. As we cannot contract debts, we require no law for their recovery.

If we should be so unfortunate as to have indigent neighbors, we shall provide for their wants, the same inclination that tends to the preservation of our children prompts to the care of every member of our flock. Conscience, the voice of God, deters us from the commission of crime. As we commit no crime, hard it is for us to suffer for those of others. We ought not to be compelled to pay for the maintenance of convicts.

We ask for your permission to pass our lives in innocence and tranquillity. Let us pursue our avocations unmolested. We respect your rights, respect our customs. We ask nothing of you but what the Word of God can justify.

--From The Register of Pennsylvania, Vol. VII, page 152, 1831. See Footnote on page 18 (August issue) for comments on this petition.

EARLY AMISH DISCIPLINE

Pennsylvania October 17, 1809

Articles of agreement, discussed and decided by the ministers of the upper and lower districts.

First: That all those of our members who leave us to join other churches shall be treated as apostate persons according to the word of the Lord and his ordinance, and shall be separated and shall be recognized as subjects for the ban.

¹Wertenbaker, Thomas Jefferson, op. cit., p. 26

Second: Permission shall be given to "admonish" at a funeral in our brotherhood, but not outside.

Third: We have no basis in scripture for excluding any member from taking part in the council of the church.

Fourth: That shunning shall be exercised toward banned persons according to the teaching of Christ and the apostles with respect to eating and drinking, life and work ("Handel and Wandel") until they are again received by the church.

Fifth: Anyone who transgresses the rule of shunning in weakness or ignorance can be reconciled by confession to the church that he has erred; whoever transgresses intentionally but is not stubborn about it when admonished, can be reconciled by a "full" ("hoechstst") confession, but whoever stubbornly refuses to hearken to admonition shall be excommunicated from the church.

Sixth: Whoever swears an oath knowingly and frivolously shall be excommunicated; but whoever swears out of inexperience shall be required to make a "full" confession.

Seventh: In regard to cutting of the hair and beard, it is decided that no one shall be accepted as a member in the church unless he manifests the full fruit of obedience, and all those who are already in the church and are not willing to be obedient to this regulation shall be dealt with according to Christian discipline ("Ordnung").

Eighth: It is decided that jury service shall not be tolerated or permitted for brethren in the church.

Ninth: Proud dressed, proud trousers, hats, and combs in the hair, and similar worldly clothing shall not be tolerated in the church.

In conclusion: All the above articles shall be observed and practiced according to Christian discipline and patience.

Acknowledged and signed by us: Michael Lapp, Johannes Blanck, David Yoder, Christel Stoltzfus, Johannes Konig, Christian Yoder, Christian Hertzler, Hannes Yoder, Hannes Beiler, Christian Konig, Christian Zug, Joseph Kurtz, Hannes Lapp, Peter Blanck, Christian Miller, Christian Stutzman, Jacob Miller, Daniel Zug, Christian Zug, Isaac Yoder, Jacob Stutzman, Daniel Miller and Abraham Muller.

--From "Some Early American Amish Mennonite Disciplines," translated and edited by Harold S. Bender in The Mennonite Quarterly Review, VIII, pp. 90-98, (April, 1934). See The Mennonite Quarterly Review, XX, pp. 241-243, (July, 1946), for photostatic reproduction of original once in the library of Jacob Schwarzendruber (1800-1868), first minister and bishop of the Amish Mennonite Church in Johnson County, Iowa.

Obituaries, continued from page 5

Bontrager, Noah B. of R.1 Millersburg, Indiana

He was born August 22, 1907 and died October 3, 1969 at the LaGrange Co. Hospital where he was admitted an hour earlier following a heart attack. Noah had gone to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Neal Eash. Just as the morning services were over at the Eash home, before leaving for the place of the funeral, he got sick and was taken to the hospital. The time of his death was just the time the sermon started at the funeral.

On December 4, 1930 he was married to Lena J. Eash who survives, also six children: Samuel married to Esther Miller of Arkansas, Perry married to Mary Yoder of the home place, Mary, wife of David Schmucker, R.1 Millersburg, John married to Esther Troyer of Hartville, Ohio and Luella, wife of Lloyd Yoder of R.1 Goshen. Also surviving are his widowed mother, Mrs. Ben Lizzie Bontrager, R.1 Topeka, two brothers, Manas of R.2 Topeka and Joseph of R.4 Lagrange and two sisters, Mrs. Ben Gingerich (Barbara) and Lydia of R.1 Topeka.

Fry, Joseph E., 45, of R.2 Topeka, Indiana

He was a son of the late Enos and Mattie Yoder Fry and was born March 23, 1924 and died October 8, 1969. He was killed instantly in a truck accident on the New York Throughway near Auburn New York. The truck he was driving crashed through guard rails on a bridge then fell several feet onto a railroad track, with the cab landing on its roof.

Joe was married on February 14, 1946 to Wilma, daughter of Eli N. Bontragers. She survives, also six children: Levi of Shipshewana R.1 and Edna, Anna, Irene, Alton and Ruby all at home, and his mother and step father Mr. and Mrs. Christian J. Miller of R.2 Topeka, two brothers, Levi of R.2 Topeka and Amos of Cloverdale, Oregon and three sisters, Katie, wife of Ora Bontrager of Goshen, Lizzie, wife of Rudy Bontrager of Haven, Kansas and Mary, wife of Jonas L. Weaver of R.1 Shipshewana.

Funeral services were held October 11 at the Ezra Miller home by Bishop Clemens Miller and minister Christ Miller. His wife and children are of the Amish faith and their address is R.2 Shipshewana, Indiana

King, Samuel M., son of Amos K. and Rachel Fisher King, Gridley Road, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Samuel, three years old was fatally burned Friday, October 3 when fire destroyed the King barn. Born in Lancaster County, he is survived by his parents; a sister, Kathryn; grandparents, Christ H. and Lizzie B. King, Lancaster R.4; and Samuel E. and Katie Fisher, Ronks R.1; great-grandparents, Jonas S. and Mary Fisher, Ronks R.1; and Elmer Z. and Mamie Stoltzfus, Strasburg R.1. Funeral services were held by Aaron S. King, Burial in Beiler's.

Schrock, Mike J., aged 80 yrs., 1 mo. and 29 days of Arthur, Illinois

He died September 23 of a heart attack. Surviving are his wife, Minnie (Plank), 3 sons, Walter of Nevada, Henry of Arthur, Jonas of Arthur and 2 daughters, Ida and Ella.

Extracts from the History of the First Amish Mennonite Communities in America by
Grant M. Stoltzfus

Continued from last month

FARM AND FAMILY IN THE EARLIEST AMISH MENNONITE SETTLEMENTS

"As to the Amish, they are many in number; but they are not here near us, and we can give no further information concerning them except only this, that they hold very fast to the outward and ancient institutions." This is an excerpt from a letter dated March 1, 1773. It was written by Mennonites in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, to Holland Mennonites who, among other things, had inquired of their New World brethren concerning the settlement and practices of the Amish.¹ A study of the folkways, patterns of family life, farming practices, and church customs of the Amish in the eighteenth century and later will confirm the observation of these Mennonites that the Amish were "holding fast" to the outward and traditional practices that they brought with them from Europe.

"Nearly all of our ancestors came to this country poor and had to manage with scanty food and clothes and had to live almost in huts." These words by an Amish bishop, David Beiler, were written in 1862 when he had reached the age of seventy-six and was recalling a past in which he had served many churches and gathered something of the history of his people from relatively wide travel.² It was in poverty and in difficult frontier circumstances that the Amish families undertook to make a living by farming. Their chief assets were a tradition of hard work, constructive farming methods learned in Europe, and access to land which Penn's colony had in abundance. Unlike the New Englander who settled in villages the Amishman and his Pennsylvania German neighbors settled on family-sized farms. These farms became remarkably self-sufficient for they supplied the needs of the family in food and clothing. Only a few necessities such as salt, iron, glass, and spices had to be secured by barter for the farms of southeastern Pennsylvania in the eighteenth century. It has been estimated that "about a half acre of flax and the wool of a half dozen sheep were required to clothe a pioneer family of seven."³

David Beiler's memoirs contain a reference to the spinning of flax to the early Amish homes.

One was satisfied with and delighted in home-made stuff. The wives and daughters spent the winter spinning. The flax seed was sown in the spring, and in the fall it had to be pulled, broken and heckled. That was work mostly for the wives and daughters. It was customary to hear the spinning wheel hum or sing in almost every farm house, and where this was not the case people remarked it as of people who did not do their duty.⁴

The will of Jacob Beiler, 1765, in Bern Township of Berks County provided that his widow should be provided with "20 bushels of straw and one quarter of flax," the flax to be grown on the same land where the tenant had his flax.⁵

Every indication is that the Amishman of this period avoided becoming a large proprietor. There is a record that in 1720 an influential Amishman by the name of Kurtz was offered a thousand acres by a proprietary agent, but he refused the grant saying,

It is beyond my desire, as also my ability to clear; if clear, beyond my power to cultivate; if cultivated it would yield more than my family can consume; and the rules of our society forbid the disposal of the surplus. I cannot accept of your liberal offer; but you may divide it among my married children, who at present reside with me.⁶

It is of passing interest at least to note that after two hundred years the traditional Amish farmer still does not want more land than he and his family can properly farm. Some departure from this can be noted in recent years but not an extensive one.

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¹For complete text of this letter and notes see pages 395-404 of John C. Wenger's History of the Mennonites of the Franconia Conference, Franconia Mennonite Historical Society, Telford, Pa. (1937).

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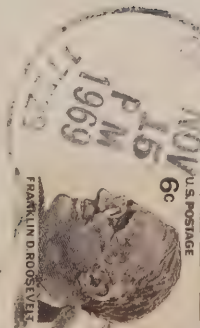
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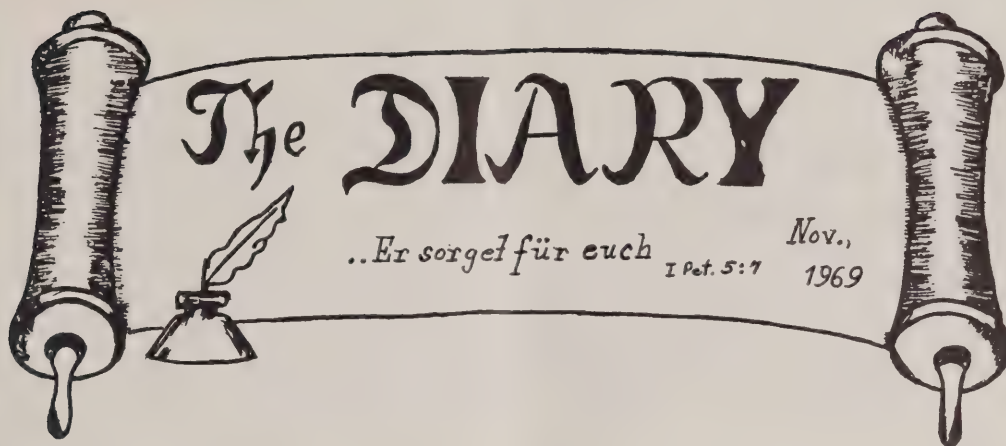
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THE INTEREST OF COLLECTING AND PRESERVING ITS HISTORICAL VIRTUES

INDIANA FOLKS INJURED IN PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE ACCIDENT

On November 15 Mr. and Mrs. Perry Nisley, Leroy and Mary Ellen Nisley and son Gerald, and Eldon and Katie Nisley and son Wayne were traveling from Goshen, Indiana to attend a wedding at the home of Leroy Smuckers' at New Holland, Pennsylvania. They were riding in a new Dodge van type 11-passenger bus driven by Simon Hershberger, who was killed in the accident. On the turnpike near Harrisburg, Pa., forty-six miles from Lancaster a driver in the west bound lane of traffic lost control of his car and crossed the median strip hitting their car head on. Five ambulances took the 15 people to the hospital.

Perry Nisley had to have plastic surgery performed on his nose and has a number of upper teeth that will need to be removed. His wife had leg injuries plus injured and broken ribs.

Leroy Nisley had bad cuts on his forehead while his son Gerald had a broken arm and cracked cheek bone. His wife, Mary Ellen, who was the most seriously injured, had a contusion of the brain and a compound fracture of her right leg below the knee.

Eldon Nisley has a walking cast on his left leg. He will need surgery on a fractured toe and arch. He had surgery on his fractured jaws and could have only liquids to eat. His wife, Katie, had a cut over her forehead and had surgery to remove a crushed kneecap. She is in a cast from her foot to near her hip. Their son, Wayne, had surgery to repair a ruptured liver. He has minor fractures on both legs.

IOWA BOY INJURED IN PONY CART ACCIDENT

Daniel, 8-year-old son of Simeon and Verna (Beechy) Bontrager of Hazleton, Ia. on October 29 with a few other children of the family were on their way to school when the pony, cart and children upset into a ditch. Daniel received three broken or cracked vertebrae. He was taken to Oelwein, Iowa Hospital where he was put into traction for ten days, then the body was put into a cast. He is at home and recovering nicely.

HUNTING ACCIDENT AT HAZLETON, IOWA

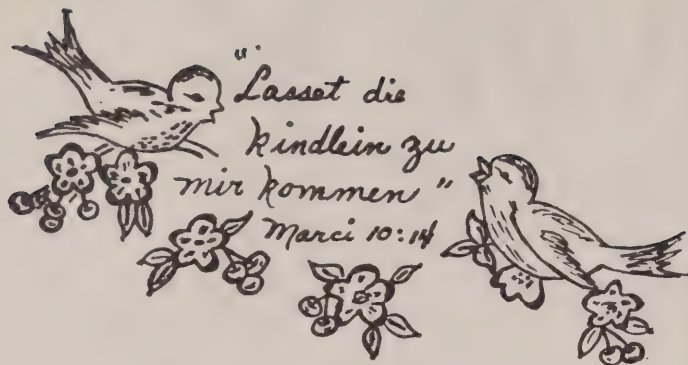
On November 8 a hunting party started out at 8 o'clock in the morning, pheasant hunting. At 8:20 A.M. Perry Helmuth was accidentally shot in the lower abdomen from a distance of about 12 feet. He was rushed to Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo, Ia. He was on the operating table three hours and spent one week in an intensive care room. He is now recovering satisfactorily. He is married to Esther, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Schmucker.

HOLMES COUNTY, OHIO MAN KILLED ON HIGHWAY

Joe E. Troyer, 67 years old of Maysville, Ohio was killed while leading a horse along the highway when a car hit him at 5:30 in the evening. His death was due to a fractured skull.

Surviving are his wife, Mattie; four sons: Emanuel of R1, Marshallville; Dan of R1, Applecreek; Atlee and John of Millersburg; four daughters: Mrs. Roy Miller and Mrs. Eli Miller of Applecreek; Mrs. Nelson Yoder of Star Route, Millersburg and Miss Elizabeth Troyer of Conewango, New York; three brothers: Eli of Uniontown, Ohio; Alvin of Millersburg, Ohio; John of Sugarcreek, Ohio; five sisters: Mrs. Emanuel Wengert of Canewango, New York; Mrs. David Yoder of Holmesville R1, Ohio; Miss Edna and Miss Barbara Troyer of Winesburg, Ohio; 27 grandchildren. He was buried on Thanksgiving Day.

Let us remember our bereaved ones in prayer



BIRTHS

Ontario, Canada

Yoder, Vernon (Elizabeth Bontrager) Mt. Elgin
a son DANIEL, November 25
Eicher, Alva (Rosanna Wagler) Aylmer, Ont.
a son VERNON, November 26

Buchanan County, Iowa

Hershberger, John (Ida Gingerich) Independence
a son NEAL, November
Kauffman, Eli (Lorene Detweiler) Hazleton
a son PERRY, November 5
Yoder, David (Katie Miller) Fairbank, Ia.
a son NORMAN, November 12
Yutzzy, Henry (Laura Yoder) Hazleton, Ia.
a daughter BETTY, October 22

Arthur, Illinois

Chupp, Elvin (Annie Schrock) a son
Chupp, Ervin (Lizzie Hostetler) a daughter BERTHA LORENE
Helmuth, Marvin (Sarah Ann Otto) a daughter TREVA IRENE
Hostetler, Andy (Ruby Chupp) a son KENNETH, October 15
Jess, John (Viola Helmuth) a son LARRY DALE, October 26
Mast, Levi (Fannie Yoder) a son JOHN WILLIAM, October 19
Miller, Elva (Edith Otto) a daughter
Miller, Marvin (Mary Graber) a daughter MARNETA
Miller, Omer (Fannie Marie Otto) a daughter KATHERINE, October 13
Schrock, Sam (Susie Ellen Schrock) a daughter MARY MAUDENE, October 25

Daviess County, Indiana

Graber, Bennie (Lovina Wagler) R1, Montgomery, a son ARTHUR, November 22
Graber, Louis (Verda Graber) R2, Loogootee, a son LARRY, November 23
Kemp, Leroy (Mary Jane Wagler) R2, Loogootee, a daughter RACHEL, November 23
Knepp, Albert (Lydia Schrock) RR, Montgomery, a son MARK EUGENE
Knepp, Amos (Maroget Graber) R1, Montgomery, a son ABNER G., November 25
Marner, Lester (Sylvia Lengacher) R1, Montgomery, a daughter LOIS, October 12
Raber, Jerome (Naomi Wagler) R1, Montgomery, a son JEROME LEON, October 16
Stoll, Leroy (Rosie Knepp) R1, Montgomery, a daughter _____ October 30
Wagler, John (Martha Knepp) R1, Montgomery, a daughter MARY SUE, October 3
Wagler, Pete Jr. (Sylvia Stoll) R2, Loogootee, a son _____ October 29

LaGrange County, Indiana

Beachey, Lewis (Edna Miller) Shipshewana, a daughter DARLENE KAY, November 18
Beechy, Alvin (Wilma Schrock) R4, LaGrange, a son FREEMAN, November 1
Bontrager, Ernest (Elmina Kurtz) R2, Topeka, a son JACOB, November 22
Bontrager, Leo (Martha Hochstetler) R2, Topeka, a son EUGENE RAY, November 1
Eash, Sammie (Viola Bontrager) R2, Topeka, a daughter POLLY ANNA, November 5
Frey, Daniel (LeEtta Bontrager) R2, Topeka, a son RICHARD LEE, November 23
Hochstetler, Eli (Fannie Schmucker) LaGrange, a son HENRY, November 16
Hochstetler, Harvey C. (Lizzie Marie Bontrager) R4, LaGrange, a daughter WILMA FERN, Nov. 13
Lambright, Daniel (Wilma Bontrager) R2, Wolcottville, a daughter NAOMI, October 31
Lehman, Elva (Ida Mae Miller) R4, LaGrange, a son MERVIN, November 6
Miller, Eli M. (Leanna Lambright) R2, Topeka, a daughter CHRISTINA, November 17
Miller, Howard E. (Esther J. Weaver) R2, Topeka, a son DAVID, November 11
Raber, LaVern (Leona Hochstetler) R4, LaGrange, a daughter MARY LOU, November 17
Yoder, Alvin (Esther Hochstetler) R2, Topeka, a son GALEN LEROY, November 18
Yoder, Elva (Ruby Graber) R1, Shipshewana, a son MARLIN, November 7
Yoder, William (Elsie Bontrager) R2, Shipshewana, a son RAYMOND, November 23

Holmes County, Ohio

Troyer, Mr. and Mrs. Atlee, R2, Sugar Creek, a son JOSEPH JAY, October 18

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Brenneman, Jonas M. (Salina Kinsinger) a daughter MARIAH, November 4
Yoder, Wilmer A. (Lizzie Slabaugh) a son ERNEST, November 13

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Adams County, Indiana

Graber, Reuben (Barbara Ann Hochstetler) R2, Geneva, a son JONAS, September 28
 Hilty, Elmer (Lydia Graber) R1, Monroe, a daughter LEAH, September 2
 Hilty, Elmer K. (Salome Graber) R2, Geneva, a son CHRISTIAN, September 7
 Hilty, Henry K. (Katie Edna Miller) R2, Geneva, a son _____ October 28
 Miller, Elmer (Laura Hilty) R1, Berne, twin daughters LISA and LILIA, October 8
 Schwartz, Elmer (Elizabeth Wickey) R1, Montoe, a daughter ELMA, September 30
 Schwartz, Amos (Elizabeth Schwartz) R1, Berne, a daughter RUTH, October 5
 Schwartz, John (Rachel Graber) R1, Bryant, a son PETIE, October 10
 Schwartz, Jacob E.P. (Lydia Neuenschwander) R1, Berne, a son JONAS, October 18
 Schwartz, Noah (Josephine Eicher) R2, Berne, twin daughters RUTH and ROSE,
 Schwartz, Roman D. (Melinda Hershberger) R1, Berne, a daughter _____ Nov. 29
 Wengerd, Daniel (Anna Schwartz) R1, Geneva, a daughter MELINDA, October 7
 Wickey, Emanuel (Emma Yoder) R2, Berne, a daughter ELIZABETH, September 15
 Wickey, Sam (Amanda Schwartz) R2, Geneva, a son HENRY, October 4
 Yoder, Mervin (Elizabeth Christner) R2, Berne, a daughter ESTHER, September 8

St. Mary's County, Maryland

Stoltzfus, Reuben (Ada Byler) Mechanicsville, a son HENRY, November 21

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Kanagy, Menno (Mary Swarey) Belleville, a daughter SADIE, November 28
 Peachey, Steven N. (Susie Peachey) Belleville, a son RAY, November 28
 Yoder, Samuel M. (Susie Renno) Belleville, a son BENUEL, November 18

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Isaac S. (Fannie S. Riehl) R2, New Holland, a daughter ROSANNA R., November 13
 Esh, Jacob P. (Lizzie S. King) R1, New Providence, a daughter FANNIE K., November 14
 Esh, Moses (Lizzie Lapp) R2, Ephrata, a daughter BARBARA, November 24
 Fisher, Ammon (Rebecca K. Glick) R1, Ronks, a son ABNER G., November 24
 Fisher, John S. (Mary Lapp) 317 Miller St., Strasburg, a son STEPHEN JAY, November 5
 Fisher, Samuel E. (Barbara King) R1, Paradise, a daughter SUSIE MAE, November 22
 Huyard, Elam (Sarah Bawell) R1, New Holland, a son PAUL B., November 11
 King, Abner F. (Rebecca D. Zook) R1, Kinzers, a daughter LINDA ROSE, November 6
 King, Christian L. (Rachel S. Lantz) R1, Ronks, a daughter BARBARA L., November 26
 King, Daniel F. (Barbara F. Petersheim) R1, Strasburg, a daughter SUSIE, November 22
 King, John A. (Emma Esh) R1, Paradise, a son DAVIE, November 9
 Lantz, David K. (Leah Stoltzfus) R1, Leola, a son CHRISTIAN, November 4
 Lapp, Benjamin B. (Esther E. Riehl) R1, Ronks, a son BENUEL R., November 16
 Lapp, Benjamin K. (Verna Stoltzfus) R1, Gap, a daughter SUSANNA S., November 24
 Lapp, David S. (Katie K. King) R1, Gordonville, a daughter LINDA ANN, November 25
 Lapp, Jacob H. (Fannie E. Riehl) R1, Gap, a daughter MARY R., November 26
 Miller, Joseph S. (Annie K. Lapp) R1, Paradise, a daughter RACHEL L., November 26
 Petersheim, Omar (Sylvia King) R1, Gordonville, a son DAVID LEE, November 15
 Stoltzfoos, John L. (Elizabeth Riehl) R1, Bird-in-Hand, a daughter ADA R., November 29
 Stoltzfus, Amos L. (Susie E. Stoltzfus) R1, Gap, a son MERVIN LEE, November 6
 Stoltzfus, Christian L. (Katie Stoltzfus) R1, Gap, a son SAMUEL W., November 22
 Stoltzfus, Elam E. (Priscilla Riehl) R1, Gap, a son _____ November 2
 Stoltzfus, John F. (Rebecca K. Beiler) R3, Quarryville, a daughter SARAH B. November 17
 Stoltzfus, John S. (Fannie F. Esh) a daughter BARBARA, November 15
 Stoltzfus, Levi (Fannie Kauffman) R2, New Holland, a daughter LINDA, November 22
 Stoltzfus, Samuel B. (Elizabeth Lapp) R1, Gap, a son SAMUEL JR., November 19
 Stoltzfus, Samuel K. (Levina Kauffman) 2050 Horseshoe Rd. Lancaster, a son BENUEL, Nov. 3
 Stoltzfus, Steven (Fannie Fisher) R1, Bird-in-Hand, a daughter, BARBARA, November 26

BAPTISMS

Adams County, Indiana

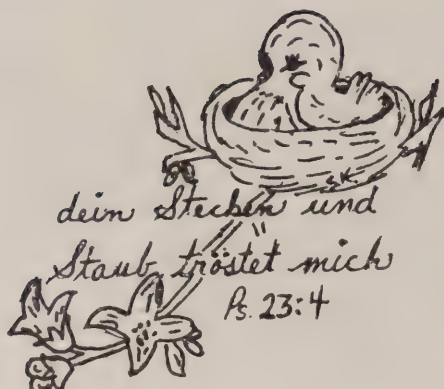
By Bishop Levi H. Schwartz and Deacon Jake D.
 Schwartz on September 28

Melvin, son of Pre. Henry Shetlers; Joe, son of Levi
 L. Millers; LaVern, son of Pre. Jake K. Hiltys; David,
 son of Jacob J. Shetlers Jr.; Joe, son of Andrew R.
 Hiltys; Roman, son of Neal Troyers; Anna, daughter of
 Andrew A. Hiltys; Barbara, daughter of Joseph A.
 Hiltys Jr.; Lucinda, daughter of Levi Shetlers; Clara
 daughter of August D. Wickeys; Martha, daughter of
 Ernest B. Schwartzs; Martha, daughter of Joseph
 Hiltys Jr.

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BAPTISMS, continued

Daviess County, Indiana

Middle West District by Bishop Fred W. Knepp, Sept. 28
John Elmer, son of Enos Knepp; Rosemary, daughter of Fred W. Knepp; Mary Ruth, daughter of Mary K. Wagler; Carolyn, daughter of Albert Knepp; Delores, daughter of Ora Knepp.

October 5 by William Graber

Victor Taber, son of Henry Raber; David, son of Jerome Raber; Ivan, son of Joe Wagler; Enos, son of Pete Wagler; Alvin Jay, son of Cleadus Swartzentruber; Wilma, daughter of Ben E. Wagler; Rosalie, daughter of Arthur Wagler.

October 12 by Bishop William Graber

Leonard, son of John E. Wagler; Enos, son of Noah Wittmer; Clara, daughter of Nicholas R. Graber; Josephine, daughter of Raymond Yoder; Rosa Mae, daughter of Alvin C. Wagler; Alta, daughter of Noah Wittmer.

Daviess County, Indiana

Northwest District on September 21 by Levi E. Graber

Fred, son of Ben Wittmer; Louis Jr., son of Louis Graber; Levi, son of Harry Wagler; Loren, son of Noah E. Wagler; Lester, son of John Raber; LaVerne, son of Ezra Yoder; Leona, dau of John Raber; Esther, daughter of Amos R. Graber; Mary, daughter of Fred Miller; Anna Mae, daughter of Lewis W. Knepp; Paula Jean, daughter of Paul Graber; Wilma, daughter of Mary W. Knepp.

MARRIAGES

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Aden Wengerd, Mifflintown, Pa. and Mattie King (Henry), Lebanon, Pa. on November 11 by Tobias Petersheim

Benuel Smoker (David), Myerstown, Pa. and Naomi Peachey (Andy), Myerstown Pa. on November 18 by John Beiler

Elmer Fisher (Gid), Myerstown, Pa. and Lydia Kauffman (Sam), Myerstown, Pa. on November 25, by Sam Stoltzfus

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Isaac Y. Hostetler, son of Rufus J. and Elizabeth (Hostetler) Hostetler of St. Mary's County, Maryland and Sara, daughter of Samuel J. and Mary (Peachey) Peachey on Nov. 4 by Bishop Emanuel Peachey

St. Mary's and Charles Counties, Maryland

David, son of Aaron and Naomi (Beiler) Hertzler and Sarah, daughter of Jacob and Susie (Stoltzfus) Swarey, on November 4

Isaac, son of Mose and Mary (Stoltzfus) Hostetler and Lydia, daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, on November 11.

Stephen, son of Isaac and Sarah (Swarey) Fisher and Sarah, daughter of Levi J. and Lizzie (Zook) Yoder on November 13

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

John, son of Bishop Jadob E. Byler and Annie, daughter of Henry Kanagys on Nov. 21 by Jacob E. Byler

Aaron, son of Aaron Z. Peachey and Fannie, daughter of Bishop Jacob E. Byler by Christian Fisher of Lancaster Co. on November 27

Omar, son of Abraham Z. Peachey and Hettie, daughter of Samuel

T. Peachey on November 6 by Emanuel K. Peachey

Lewis, son of Pre. Daniel M. Peachey and Mary, daughter of Jesse S. Peachey by Emanuel K. Peachey on November 13

Daniel, son of Menno Wengerd of Juniata Co. and Amelia, dau of Samuel P. Yoder of Mifflin Co. Nov. 18 by Tobe Petersheim

LaGrange County, Indiana

Ezra Burkholder, son of Mrs. Eli Gingerich, R1, Middlebury and Elsie, daughter of Edward and Lizzie (Eash) Mast, R2, Topeka, Nov. 6

Mervin, son of Andy and Katie (Petersheim) Schrock R4, LaGrange and Mary, daughter of Ora W. and Barbara (Mast) Bontrager, Middlebury R1 on November 6

Elson, son of Allen Bontrager of Kokomo and Emma, daughter of Joe and Sarah (Lambright) Yoder R1, LaGrange on November 6

Lester, son of Ralph and Edna Yutzy Kramer of Jamesport, Mo. and Freeda, daughter of Ira and Ella (Schrock) Yoder R1, LaGrange on November 6

Omar, son of Levi Kuhns of Nappanee and Lydia, daughter of Jacob and Mattie (Petersheim) Raber R1, Topeka on November 4



Perry, son of Levi and Mary (Bontrager) Schrock R4
LaGrange and Wilma, daughter of Jacob and Mattie Petersheim
Raber, R1, Topeka on November 13

Joe, son of Dan Stutzman of Jamesport, Mo and Lydia
Ann, daughter of Melvin and Susie (Miller) Raber Topeka R1
on November 20

Alvin, son of Samuel and Anna (Bontrager) Schrock R1
Middlebury and Ruby, daughter of Henry C. Knepp, middlebury
on November 20

Alton, son of Harley and Mary (Schlabach) Bontrager
Shipshewana and Carolyn Sue, daughter of Sylvanus and Mary
(Yoder) Miller, Nappanee on November 27

Andrew, son of Joe and _____ (Hershberger) Wingard, R1, LaGrange and Lydia Mae, dau
of Mrs. Anna Miller R4, LaGrange on November 27

Samuel, son of Freeman and Mary Alice (Miller) Yoder, R2, Shipshewana and Esther,
daughter of Jacob A. and _____ (Barkman) Yoder on November 27

William Ray, son of Ammon Yoder RR Goshen and Gladys, daughter of Ora and Ida (Christner) Eash, R2, Shipshewana on November 27

Daviess County, Indiana

Wilmer, son of Harvey and Lydia Knepp and Naomi, daughter of Bishop Ben and Mary
Wagler by Bishop Sam Graber of New Haven on October 2

Adams County, Indiana

Ray Stutzman of Jamesport, Mo. and Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Schwartz
of Monroe, R1 on October 9

Jacob T., son of Mr. and Mrs. Christ M. Schwartz, Berne R2 and Rosie B., daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Schwartz, Monroe R1 on October 19

Toby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Wickey, Berne R1 and Margaret J. daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Levi S. Christner, Geneva R1 on October 26

Johnny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas J. Graber, Geneva R1 and Barbara M., daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Hilty, Monroe R1 on October 28

Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Troyer, Berne R1 and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Truman Yoder, Berne R2 on October 30

Sam Christner, Stonesboro, Pennsylvania, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Christner, Berne R2
and Anna E., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Enos Girod, Monroe, R1 on November 13

Arthur, Illinois

Omer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin C. Herschberger and Martha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Levi H. Miller on October 9, by Bishop Chris Otto

Harvey, son of Pre. and Mrs. Levi J. Chupp and Mary Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Amos Otto on October 16, by Bishop Chris Otto

Haven, Kansas

Adon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Enos L. Keim and Nettie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abe
Yoder on November 27

OBITUARIES

Beiler, Infant son of Ezra and Elizabeth (Stoltzfoos) Beiler, New Providence R1, Pennsylvania
died at birth at home November 12. Brothers and sisters are Benuel, Anna, Miriam,
Lydia, Ada, Eli and Emanuel, all at home. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Benuel Stoltzfoos,
Gordonville R1 and Annie Beiler, Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania

Eicher, Edna 2 year old dau of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence B. and Salome (Wickey) Eicher, Monroe, Ind.
died at the Adams County Memorial Hospital on November 5 following an illness of 1 year.
She was born on Nov. 7, 1967 and was buried on her second birthday. There are three sisters,
Mary Ann, Ruth Elaine and Carol and a brother, Joseph all at home. Burial in Schwartz Cem.

Fisher, Infant daughter of Christian K. and Katie (Allgyer) Fisher of Gap R1, Pennsylvania
was born November 8 and died the same day in the General Hospital. Brothers and
sisters are Emma, John, Jonas, Paul, Daniel, Esther, Christian and Allen all at home.
Paternal step-grandmother is Mrs. Fannie Fisher, Kinzers and Maternal grandparents are
John and Lizzie (Stoltzfoos) Allgyer, Gap R1, Pa.

Fisher, Sarah S. 7-months old daughter of Levi S. and Lizzie (Smucker) Fisher, Strasburg, R1, Pa.
died November 15 at her home. She had been ill since birth. Her age was 7 mo. & 6 days.
Her three brothers are Jacob, Levi and Samuel at home. Paternal grandparents are Jacob and
Sarah Fisher, Ronks R1; maternal grandparents are Elam B. and Annie Stoltzfus, Leola.
Funeral services were held Nov. 17 by John P. Esh and Christ Fisher, Hymn by Benuel Fisher.

Hershberger, Jonas J. aged 62 of Holmes County, Ohio

passed away on Nov. 26. He was married to Sarah Mast. He is survived by five daus
and two sons. Funeral services were held Saturday November 29



Hilty, Anna aged 73 years, 11 months and 11 days of Adams County, Indiana

A daughter of the late Joseph A. and Lydia Burkholder Schwartz she was born October 30, 1895 and died October 12, 1969. She was married to Joseph A. Hilty on December 13, 1917. He died in 1955. She was in the Bluffton Clinic Hospital three weeks and had ailed two years. She was a victim of cancer but died rather unexpectedly. Surviving are the following children: Andrew A. Hilty, Joe A. Hilty, Elmer A. Hilty, Mrs. Jake R. (Lydia) Schwartz, Mrs. Enos (Mary Ann) Girod, Mrs. Cornelius (Barbara) Troyer, Mrs. Lovina Shetler, all of R1 Monroe, Miss Melinda Hilty at home, Mrs. Jake (Amanda) Shetler, R1 Berne, Mrs. Jake D.J. (Emma) Schwartzs R2 Berne; 72 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, also 8 brothers and sisters survive. Funeral services were held by Bishop Pete Graber of Nappanee, John Miller, and Menno Coblentz of Stark County, Ohio

Keim, John M. aged 63 years and 11 days of Haven, Kansas

was born November 18, 1906 and died November 30, 1969 from a heart attack. He was married to Polly Yoder on December 9, 1937 and lived in matrimony 32 years. Their one son Kenneth is married to Katie Miller and there are three grandchildren. Funeral services were held by David E. Schrock and Eli S. Schrock. John was a son of Leander S. Keim who died February 11, 1969 at the age of 91 years.

Schrock, Ira aged 5 years, 1 month and 7 days, son of Eddie and Rosa (Kemp) Schrock, Arthur, Ill. died November 20, 1969 and is survived by parents and three sisters.

Schwartz, Infant twin daughters of Noah M. and Josephine (Eicher) Schwartz, Berne R2, Indiana Rose and Ruth died October 26 at the Adams County Memorial Hospital several hours after birth. Surviving are the parents and the following brothers and sisters all at home: Noah, Joseph, Susan, Neil, Mary, Laura and Jerome. Funeral services were held at the home of Jacob J. Eicher, east of Berne by Dan M. J. Schwartz.

Wickey, Martin N. E. Infant son of Nate and Elizabeth (Schwartz) Wickey, Monroe R1, Indiana

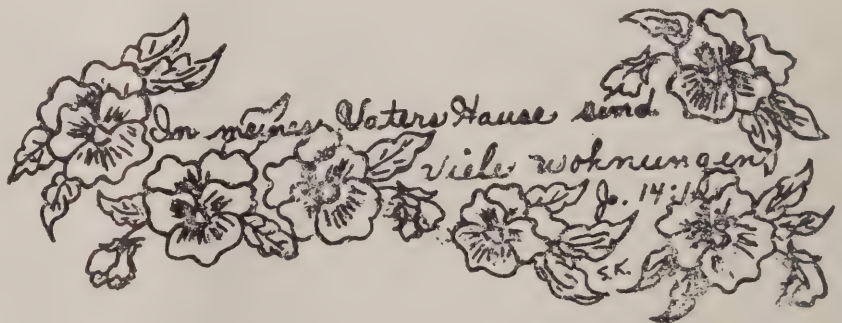
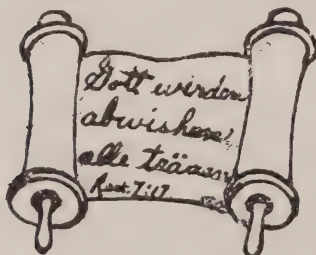
Graveside services were held November 29 at the Schwartz Cemetery for the Wickey infant who was stillborn November 28 at the Adams County Memorial Hospital. Surviving are the parents and two sisters: Lena and Mary Alice at home.

Yoder, Alfred aged 79 years of Holmes County, Ohio

died November 25 and is survived by his wife, Sevilla. Four daughter and four sons are: Mrs. Henry (Ella) Mast, Mammoth Springs, Arkansas; Mrs. Enos (Sarah) Miller, Millersburg R4; Mrs. Levi (Effie) Hershberger, Millersburg; Mrs. Paul (Anna) Burkholder at home; Paul Yoder, Sugar creek; Jonas, Wimot; Jacob, Navarre; and Wayne, Millersburg, Star Route. Two sisters are Mrs. Abe (Sevilla) Miller and Mrs. Eli (Emma) Raber, Hartville, Ohio. There are 58 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren; one son, five brothers, three sisters and eight grandchildren died previously. Services were held Friday, November 28 by Bishop Jacob Mast and Dan Schlabach.

Yoder, Bishop Noah I. aged 74 years of Holmes County, Ohio

passed away Tuesday evening November 25. His wife died in 1964. He is survived by one son, Alvin of Sugar creek and four daughters all at home; two brothers, Alvin of Charm and Roman of Berlin; one sister, Mrs. Joe (Anna) Keim, Applecreek, Ohio



Arthur, Illinois

Mrs. Jake J. Plank (Katie) was out helping to gather corn on a rack wagon when a pheasant flew up scaring the team. When she attempted to get the lines she was run over. The hind wagon wheel went over her one side and shoulder, breaking a few ribs. She was in the hospital 2 days and came home on October 27.

On October 6 Ezra J. Plank was burring a rock and it fell in catching his one leg. It took his helper, Eli Hershberger thirty minutes to dig him loose. He was in the hospital several days but is at home now and goes on crutches.

November was derived from the Latin word (Novem), meaning nine and was the ninth month until January and February was added to the Old Roman Year.

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada

We are having cold weather and some snow, winter is here.

Buchanan County, Iowa

November was rather damp the first half of the month but the latter part was more on the drying side. Corn was still high in moisture content. Much corn was hand picked and cribbed the latter part of the month. The corn yield proved to be exceptionally good in last year's sod ground while second year corn was below average.

Arthur, Illinois

The first part of October was very wet with about six inches of rain causing quite a bit of water in the fields. Corn and bean harvest was delayed till about the 18th, then of course some farmers got stuck in the mud in the fields. From the 20th on harvesters were busy and made good headway. The last of the month we again had one inch of rain. Corn yields are high, some reports of 150 bushels per acre, soy beans were also good with some reports of 62 bushels per acre. We had frost on October 22nd and 23rd. A little ice could be seen on the 23rd.

Daviess County, Indiana

It has been unseasonably cool for October with a heavy frost early in the month. Most of the farmers have harvested their corn with good yields. The wheat is a luscious green blanket. We have had very little rain in October.

Holmes County, Ohio

We are having a mild winter thus far the coldest being 15 above. Temperature mostly between 25 and 30 and as high as 55 around noon. There was very little snow. Farmers are still husking corn with machine but most farmers are finished. We have lots of sickness throughout this community and many deaths lately.

St. Mary's County, Maryland

November brought little rain but lots of frost and several cold days, but for the most part exceptionally nice and pleasant weather.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

We have ideal fall weather. Corn is all husked and a good bit of fall plowing is done.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

The weather during November was cool and wet. Total rainfall for the month was 4.16 inches; total snowfall was 2.1 inches. Total precipitation for the year so far is 30.22 inches; a deficiency for the year of 4.62 inches. Some fall plowing is being done.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

November had many grey, cloudy days, but also some very nice sunny days toward the end of the month. The lowest temperature was in the low twenties. We had 2.8 inches of rain. On Friday, November 14, we had thunder, lightening and rain, which in a few minutes turned to snow. Lightening and snow seem to be rather unusual. The snow lasted till the beginning of the next week.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Fields are beginning to look bare since crops are all harvested. A few fodder shocks remain out in the fields waiting to be shredded. Farmers are fall plowing and stripping tobacco. Tobacco buying started on November 22 with buyers offering 34 cents a pound and 20 or 30 straight stripped. Quite a few crops are being sold.

The beginning of the month was cool and damp with showers. The 13th was cool and cloudy with a thunder storm in the evening, followed by a light snow the next morning. The latter part of the month we had fair weather with as low as ten degrees in the mornings and low seventies during the day. Total rainfall in the East Intercourse area was 2.9 inches; Bareville area had 3.3 inches.

Farm prices: Heavy fowl, 19¢; Light fowl, 11½¢; Eggs, large, 63¢, medium, 59½¢; Fat steers, 30. cwt., Stockers, from 23. to 33. cwt.; Fat hogs, \$28.50 cwt; Alfalfa hay, \$42.00 a ton; Timothy and mixed hay, \$30.00 a ton; Straw, \$41.00 a ton; Ear corn, 33.00 a ton; Potatoes, from 2.20 to 3.00 cwt; Tobacco, 30¢ a lb. for pull off; Sorted, 34¢ for wrappers and 20¢ for fillers

NOTICE, REPORTERS PLEASE NOTICE

Please report to us the families who have moved to another County, State or Country in 1969. Give both old and new addresses and approximate date of moving. We should have this by Dec. 24. Send to Christ J. Stoltzfus, R1, Gap, Pa. 17527. This information will be used to compile a 1969 immigration list.

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THANKSGIVING DAY

From the November 27, 1969 issue of NEW HOLLAND CLARION

For more than three centuries Thanksgiving Day has been a peculiarly American holiday in which man pauses in the enjoyment of plenty to express thanks for Divine blessings.

Thanksgiving Day originated in 1621 when the Pilgrims, after their first harvest, set aside a day to give thanks for an abundant crop. Now, 348 years later, reverent Americans will again give thanks for this year's fine crops.

As Americans we share privileges and rights enjoyed to so full an amount by no other nation.

Abraham Lincoln wrote these words more than one hundred years ago and they still hold true.

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown.

"But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our own hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

"Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."

From THE BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE, VOL. IV

THE LITTLE BOAT THAT CARRIED THE PILGRIMS TO AMERICA

Differences in religion had a good deal to do with sending people across the Atlantic, to settle in a land where they hoped to have more freedom. Those who preferred a simpler form of worship than was used in England were among the first to go, and gradually the fringe of English-speaking colonies spread along the coast of North America to the Spanish settlements in Florida.

It was about this time that a little ship called the Mayflower crossed the stormy Atlantic with about one hundred passengers on board. The long and miserable passage was no pleasure trip to the sad and earnest folk, and no warm welcome or comfortable quarters awaited them when at last they set foot on shore. But the granite boulder on which the feet of these Pilgrim Fathers, as they are called, first touched on reaching American soil is still to be seen carefully railed round in front of the Pilgrim Hall in the town of Plymouth; and the American nation feels it an honour to be descended in part from the God-fearing band of men and women who left all in the Old World that they might have the freedom denied them at home.

From THE BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE, VOL. II

DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS OPINIONS IN ENGLAND

During the Reformation and under Henry VIII, and his children the Pope was declared to have no more power in England, but that the English Church should be independent. Some of the people did not think that the changes made in the doctrines and the forms of worship went far enough. They said that they wished to purify the English Church and therefore were called Puritans, but they still belonged to the Church. There were others who went further. They said that each little band who believed the same way ought to be entirely independent. So they were called Separatists, because they separated themselves from the English Church.

Rulers at that time did not think it safe for men to think differently about matters of religion. They thought that if men were allowed to refuse obedience to the Church, which was established by law, that they would soon disobey the law in other matters and perhaps refuse to follow their rulers. Therefore, both the Roman Catholics and the Separatists were forbidden to hold services and were often thrown into prison.

ENGLISHMEN GO TO HOLLAND TO HAVE FREEDOM OF WORSHIP

Many of the Separatists escaped to the Netherlands where they were allowed to believe as they pleased. Among them were the members of a little congregation at Scrooby, which began to move in that wonderful year 1607. This congregation after stopping for a little while in Amsterdam removed to the city of Leyden where they worked very hard to live. But after ten years the leaders began to talk of removing to America. Work was hard, some of the young people no longer believed as their fathers did, and were growing up Dutchmen instead of Englishmen. So they planned to build a new home where they would not be disturbed. They arranged with the managers of the London Company to get land, and in 1620 left Holland in a ship called the Speedwell to go to Southampton in England where friends were to join them in another ship called the Mayflower. When they started toward America the Speedwell was found to be leaking, and they went back.

THE PILGRIMS SET OUT TO MAKE NEW HOMES IN AMERICA

At last, the Mayflower, with a part of the congregation, set out with one hundred persons on board. The ship was crowded, the weather was bad, and they did not reach the American coast until Nov. 21, 1620, when they found they were on the shores of Cape Cod

instead of on the coast of what is now New Jersey where they had permission to land. They decided to stay where they were as they knew that they could get permission from the Plymouth Company, and after exploring the coast, landed December 21, at the place which John Smith had already called Plymouth.

If the Virginia settlers found the summer hotter than anything they had known in England, these found the winters terrible. You must remember that they did not have close houses, furnaces, and coal with which to heat their houses. They lived in log cabins with no floors or at best with floors of logs split in half. Then too the climate was colder than it is now. During the first winter more than half the company died.

Like the Jamestown Colony they began by putting all the goods into one storehouse, for they had borrowed money to bring them over and had agreed to work together. But here too, it was found that men would not work so well where each man could not have the fruit of his own labour, and the system was soon given up. They did not have trouble about their rulers, for William Bradford, who was elected after Governor Carver died, was elected every year, except five, until his death in 1657.

THE PURITANS IN ENGLAND DECIDE TO MOVE ALSO

As the years went on, the Puritan party in the Church of England was persecuted. The bishops and the king were determined to break it up, and some of the leaders determined to go to New England as the Pilgrims had done. In 1628, they bought the right to settle on the land between the Charles and the Merrimac Rivers and the same year John Endicott led a few persons and settled at Salem. He was not a wise ruler and made many curious laws. He compelled the women to wear veils in church for fear that men might look at them and not listen to the sermon. He thought it was wrong to wear a wig and punished a man who wore one. The next year a larger party came out and in 1630 John Winthrop led nearly a thousand persons, with many cattle and horses, and made several settlements in Massachusetts Bay.

You must keep in mind the difference between the Pilgrims and the Puritans. The Pilgrims, who had left the Church of England before they came over, were few and most of them were poor. Many of the Puritans were rich, and they did not separate from the Church until they had arrived in America. Though in many things the Pilgrims and Puritans thought alike, they founded separate colonies which were not joined together for many years.

THANKSGIVING

Three hundred and forty eight years ago a band of figures made foot prints in the crisp, white New England snow-wending their way to a small and simple place of worship where they might offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the first harvest in the new world to which they'd come as pioneers.

Too often we think of them as adventuresome men and women-crossing chopping seas in too small craft-landing at Plymouth-cutting down trees and building a community where there'd been nothing but wasteland and roaming bands of the only Americans who preceded them, the Indians.

All that is true, yet those were more than adventurers, or seekers of commercial routes of gold. There were men to whom a life bereft of freedom was more to be dreaded than the loss of life itself. Their women, too, found strength to courageously face privation and sufferings so that the children they bare might enjoy a heritage of liberty and action. A most precious heritage even though there must be times when shoes would be worn thin; tears would be shed over the gnawing hurt of hunger; and lives would be lost through hardship, disease and combat. These were the Pilgrims-Pioneers, who three hundred and forty eight years ago knelt in prayer and so observed the first American Thanksgiving in the year of our Lord, sixteen hundred and twenty-one.

THE PILGRIM FATHERS

The breaking waves dashed high
On a stern and rock-bound coast,
And the woods against a stormy sky
Their giant branches tossed;
And the heavy night hung dark,
The hills and water o'er,
When a band of exiles moored their bark
On the wild New England shore.
Not as the conqueror comes,
They, the true-hearted, came;
Not with the roll of the stirring drums,
And the trumpet that sings of fame;
Not as the flying come,
In silence and in fear-
They shook the depths of the desert's gloom
With their hymns of lofty cheer.
Amidst the storm they sang,
And the stars heard, and the sea;
And the sounding aisles of the dim woods
To the anthem of the free!

The ocean-eagle soared
From his nest by the white waves' foam;
And the rocking pines of the forest roared-
This was their welcome home!

There were men with hoary hair
Amidst that pilgrim band:
Why had they come to wither there,
Away from their childhood's land?
There was woman's fearless eye,
Lit by her deep love's truth;
There was manhood's brow serenely high,
And the fiery heart of youth.

What sought they thus afar?
Bright jewels of the mine?
The wealth of seas, the spoils of war?-
They sought a faith's pure shrine!

My, call it holy ground,
The soil where first they trod.
They have left unstained what there they found-
Freedom to worship God.

THE HISTORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE

Now a days many people think they can't have Christmas without a Christmas tree. It is difficult to realize that the gay evergreens, tinsel and lighted haven't always been the center of holiday activities. A little over a hundred years ago, they were virtually unknown in this country. Germans had celebrated around them for many decades, but most people including the Americans and the English had never seen a gift-laden Christmas tree.

It was in 1841 that Prince Albert, the young German husband of Queen Victoria, brought the Christmas tree to England.

In November of that year the first son of Albert and Victoria was born, and all hearts went out to the young couple as Yuletide approached. Britian could hardly remember when there had been a male heir to the throne, and there was great rejoicing throughout the empire. But to Prince Albert it was incomplete without a tree hung with bright streamers and lit with candles.

For Christmas of 1841 he planned a tree for his own children, the little princess Royal, whom he called Pussy, and their baby prince who was to become King Edward VII.

The court moved from Buckingham palace to Windsor Castle early in December. Soon a young fir was decorated and placed in Albert's and Victoria's sitting room. Then on the happy Christmas Eve everyone from the Duchess of Kent to the humblest scullery maid was called into the royal rooms to receive presents from under the tree. Besides, every poor person in Windsor was given, "a sack of coals and four pounds of beef, two pounds of bread, one pound of plumb pudding, a peck of potatoes, and two pints of ale."

The royal tree became England's conversation piece. Newspapers of the day carried pictures of it with the royal family gathered around. Many stories were written about a Christmas angel on top holding a wreath in each hand, the nuts and fruit hanging on the fir branches, and the children lying around the tree having their fun.

In later years more and more trees were set up at Windsor Castle where the family liked to spend their holidays. They were placed in the rooms of the young princes and princesses and in the oak room for the household. Then on Christmas Eve the queen and prince consort accompanied by the rest of the royal family, pointed out the presents for each person, inviting them afterwards to see what they had given and received.

Christmas became an exciting and wonderful time in Windsor Castle, but none was as glorious as Victoria's and Albert's first lit up Christmas tree. And its effect was far reaching; within ten years, Christmas trees were being sold in the streets of New York for the first time.

Could we as Christians celebrate the Christmas Holidays with joy and gladness in our hearts as Christ the Evergreen, or the Tree of Life? A recopy by Levi L. Stoltzfus

The Experience My Husband and I Had Together

William L. Bontrager was ordained to the ministry October 21, 1923 and ordained Bishop May 17, 1941. In March of the year 1931, our ten children had the measles. Sarah the oldest had them the first, she was only sick seven days, pneumonia had set in and she died March 7, aged 16 years, 11 months and 24 days. The other nine children started the day of Sarah's funeral. Milo died March 17, aged 14 years, 6 months and 28 days. Lydia died March 18, aged 12 years, 7 months and 7 days. These two had spinal meningitis with the measles. It seemed at the time as heart breaking days, but the time came we saw God's Plan was well.

That same year in the fall on the 13th day of September 1931, William wrote this himself. I copied it off.

This was a very hot day, in the p.m. I was cutting corn on shock, I was about 80 rods away from the buildings, at 5 o'clock in the evening a neighbor wanted to shoot a crow from a field fence. Of course he couldn't see me, but he missed the crow. By all appearance the bullet hit the wire stave and glanced and hit me a little on the right side, it went through my breast bone and lung. It lodged upright against my shoulder blade, at first when the bullet hit me I sank to the ground and hollered. I heard the shot and saw the blood coming out through my shirt, then I knew I was shot, as I was all alone I walked home. Just as I got into the house I began to faint. The doctor was called and he made a trip of 14 miles in 16 minutes. I was taken to Goshen Hospital. An xray was taken and they found the bullet, next they took me to the operating room and cut me open underneath the arm to remove the bullet. I was in the hospital one week and am enjoying good health again.

Mrs. William Bontrager



*Things don't "just happen" to children of God
They are part of a wonderful plan,
Why try so hard the mystery to know?
Things don't "just happen", they're planned.*

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Butzer that the divine commandments are of minor importance, and showed on the contrary that this question involves the authority of Christ and of the Scriptures. For the authority of the Scriptures Butzer and others would substitute charity or forbearance as the final authority.

After his short sojourn in Strasburg we find Michael Sattler again in the district of Horb and Rottenburg on the Neckar river, where he labored with success for a number of months. In the small town of Horb members of thirty-five families united with the Brethren. On February 24, 1527, Sattler presided over a conference of Swiss Brethren held at Schleithem in Canton Schaffhausen. He presented to this conference a confession of faith which was approved and adopted without a dissenting voice, and was later printed under the title, Bruderliche Vereinigung etlicher Kinder Gottes (Brotherly Agreement of Some Children of God), as the confession of faith of the Swiss Brethren. Following is a synopsis of this confession:

1. Baptism shall be administered to all who have been instructed and give evidence of repentance and a change of life, and who believe of a truth that their sins have been taken away by Christ, and who desire a walk in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and to be buried with Him unto death, that they may also rise with Him, and to all who desire baptism of us by their own decision with this understanding.

2. Discipline and expulsion shall be used toward those who have surrendered their lives to the Lord to follow Him in keeping His commandments who have been baptized and profess to be brethren and sisters, and yet stumble and fall into sin or are unexpectedly overtaken. They shall be admonished twice and the third time reproved publicly before the church and expelled according to the command of Christ, Matt. 18. And this is to be attended to before the communion service, that we may unitedly and in one love break and eat of one bread and drink of one cup.

3. All who partake of one bread in remembrance of the broken body, and of one cup in remembrance of His shed blood shall be those who have been united by baptism into the one body, of which Christ is the Head.

4. Separation is needful from all evil and wickedness which Satan has planted into the world. This includes abstinence from all use of the un-Christian, yea, Satanic weapons of violence, such as sword and armor and the like. Such weapons shall not be used either for the protection of friends or against foes, on the ground of Christ's words, "Ye shall not resist evil."

5. Ministers shall have the qualifications mentioned by Paul. They shall teach and exhort and assist all the members toward advancement in their spiritual life. When a minister needs material support, he shall be aided by the congregation. If he be driven away, or imprisoned, or suffer martyrdom, another shall at once be put in his place.

6. The civil government is an institution of God outside the perfection of Christ, to punish evildoers and protect the good. In the Church of Christ no other means of correction are used than discipline through admonition and expulsion of him who has sinned. The question is asked, Can a Christian become an earthly ruler if he is elected to such an office? The answer is: Christ was to be made a king, and He fled (John 6:15). We should do likewise and follow Him, and we shall then not walk in darkness. He forbids the use of violence, and says (Matt. 20:25): "The princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion, etc., but it shall not be so among you." Again Paul says (Rom. 8:29) that the believers are predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, and Peter wrote (1 Peter 2:21) that Christ has suffered, not reigned, leaving us an example that we should follow His steps.

7. Christ, the perfect Teacher, forbade His disciples all oaths, whether true or false. In the opening and concluding paragraphs it is stated that "these are the articles regarding which a few brethren have advanced erroneous views, for which reason it was needful for us to meet in conference and declare ourselves on these points." This statement indicates that the Schleithem Conference does not represent an attempt at a full statement of the faith of the Swiss Brethren. Those who are referred to as differing from them on these points had obviously caused disturbance in some of the congregations. They are in this document repeatedly spoken of as "false brethren." In all probability they were those who defended the policy of "standing still" as concerned the organization of churches and the observance of the New Testament commands. Michael Sattler, in his letter to the congregation at Horb evidently had these in mind when he says, "Let no one prevail over you to depart from the letter of Scripture which is sealed by the blood of Christ and of many witnesses of Jesus."

The Schleithem confession was at first circulated in manuscript form. Within a short time at least two editions appeared in print. Ulrich Zwingli, in July, 1527, made the remark that scarce could an Anabaptist be found who did not have a copy of this confession. The confession was sent Zwingli by a number of his friends, with urgent requests for help in refuting it.

Zwingli thereupon clearly recognized the urgent need for a refutation of the Anabaptist confession, for the benefit of the hard pressed state church clergy. He decided to publish a work quoting at length from the confession, together with his reply. But he feared that, by thus quoting extensively from this confession, he would give the people in general the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the contents of the confession, and would incur the risk of assisting in the spread of Anabaptist doctrine. Therefore he

resolved to translate the seven articles of the confession into Latin and to publish them together with his refutation. He immediately carried out this plan. He addressed this book in particular to the clergy of the state church. A majority of the clergy had formerly been priests and had spent years learning the Latin language. Zwingli published the book in the autumn of the year 1527, under the title Elenchus. In addition to the refutation of the Schleithem confession this book also contained a lengthy refutation of a booklet by Conrad Grebel.

Zwingli's translation of this confession, as he published it, is inaccurate. He attempted to show that the Swiss Brethren held insurrectionary, anarchistic views. On the ground of their doctrine of nonresistance he accused them of fomenting a conspiracy against the government. He also accused them of appalling immorality and crimes. Yet the Schleithem confession itself constitutes a complete defense against any such charges. An American church historian, Professor Samuel Macauley Jackson, of New York University, says of the Schleithem confession: "It is written in very simple language, showing a very honest and God-fearing mind, and is in itself a triumphant refutation of the charges of fanaticism and immorality which Zwingli brings against the Swiss Anabaptists. In fact, in this book Zwingli shows himself up in a very bad light."

John Calvin also published a refutation of the Schleithem confession, written in Latin. An English translation appeared in 1544, entitled A short instruction for to arme all good Christian people agaynst the pestiferous errorrs of the common secte of Anabaptistes. He states that the confession was sent him "from a very great distance" with the request to refute it.¹

During Michael Sattler's sojourn in Strasburg the Swiss Brethren congregation at Horb and Rottenburg was discovered by the authorities. Having returned to Horb he with his wife and a number of others were arrested and imprisoned by the Roman Catholic magistrates in a tower at Binsdorf. From his prison he found it possible to write a noteworthy "letter of consolation" to his beloved brethren and sisters at Horb. He admonished them to a pious walk, and warned them against those who are of a lukewarm, indolent disposition. "use discipline against transgressors in all love, that the church may be an example in purity and piety, cleansed by the blood of Christ. . . . Be patient in tribulation and have a care that you may not fall short in love without which you can not be a Christian flock." He added that he knew what was waiting for him but that he was, with his fellow prisoners, fully resigned to the will of the Lord and ready to depart and be with Christ.²

The imprisonment continued for eleven weeks and three days. In this time the magistrates received various petitions in their favor, indication that the people in general were impressed by the sincerity and piety of the prisoners. In the trial which took place on May 17, 1527, at Rottenburg, eight errors were laid to Sattler's charge. Sattler was asked whether he and his fellow prisoners desired a lawyer. His reply was to the effect that there had been no transgression of the civil law on their part, and as concerned their doctrines, they were ready to be corrected from the Scriptures. The answer given them consisted partly in the reading of nine articles in which their supposed heresies were laid to their charge. Sattler's defense was masterful. He admitted having taught that a Christian could not use carnal weapons even against the Turks. The Christian, Sattler said, had no other weapon against the Turks but prayer. Persecution was based upon Turkish, not Christian principles.

Sattler and his fellow prisoners were treated with utmost rudeness and cruelty by the judges and officers, yet he addressed the judges as "ye ministers of God"³ and in the course of the trial pointed out to them that it was the province of the magistracy to take wrongdoers to account, not those who differ from them in faith. He appealed to the Scriptures.

"Ye ministers of God," he addressed his judges, "if you have neither heard nor read the Word of God, we would suggest that you send for the most learned men and for the book of the divine Scriptures, and that they with us weigh these things in the light of the Word of God. If they show us from Holy Scripture that we err and are in the wrong, we shall gladly be taught and recant."

Thereupon the officer who represented the state made the angry reply that no other discussion or disputation would be granted him than that was to be given him by the executioner. Sattler retained a striking calmness of mind, which seemed only to enrage the officer the more. "I tell you," he cried, "if there were no hangman here, I would execute you myself, and believe that I was doing God a service thereby." Sattler's reply was, "God will be our Judge." He stated that he and his brethren were ready to suffer what God would permit. They were determined to be steadfast to the end.

The judges then retired to an adjoining room, leaving Sattler to the mercies of the barbarous soldiers. An eyewitness, Claus von Gravenneck, described the scene in the court room. He said that a murderer would have been treated with more consideration. One of the

¹The Schleithem Confession was also printed in the French language, and later (1560) was published in Dutch. A reprint of the original edition, edited by Walter Kohler of Tübingen, appeared in 1908. An English translation based on Zwingli's Latin text in the Elenchus was printed in the book by W. J. McGlothlin: Baptist Confession of Faith, Philadelphia, 1911, pp. 3-9

²This letter, together with a touching description of Sattler's martyrdom is found in Martyr's Mirror (1938), pp. 406-420.

³Compare Romans 13:4

soldiers, turning to Sattler, cried, "If you will save your life and escape, I will believe in you." Another drew a sword from its sheath and holding it up, said, "With this they will dispute with you," a word which accords with the expression of a certain Anabaptist writer: "The executioner is made the highest doctor who silences all opposition." The soldier found it incomprehensible that Sattler had given up his life of a "lord" in the cloister. His reply was, "According to the flesh I was a lord, but it is better so."

The judges entered the room after having been in retirement an hour and thirty minutes. Deep silence prevailed while the sentence was read. It was worded as follows: Between the representatives of his Imperial Majesty and Michael Sattler judgement is passed that Michael Sattler shall be delivered to the executioner, who shall firstly cut out his tongue; then throw him upon a cart and with red hot tongs tear pieces out of his body twice, and on the way to the place of execution make use of the tongs five times more in like manner. Thereupon he shall burn his body to ashes as an arch heretic."

Michael Sattler even then did not lose his composure. The old chronicler Veesemeyer relates that his calmness, earnestness, and fearlessness never left him. The aforementioned Claus von Gravenneck describes his martyrdom which took place on May 21, 1527. On the morning of that day this noble man of God, in sight of horrible torture, prayed for his judges and persecutors and admonished the people to repentance. He endured the inhuman torture stipulated in the sentence. Then his mangled body was tied to a ladder. He prayed again for his persecutors while the ladder was placed upon the stake. He had promised his friends to give them a sign from the burning stake, to show that he remained steadfast to the end, enduring it all willingly for Christ. The fire having severed the cords wherewith he was bound, he lifted up his hand for a sign to them. Soon it was noticed that his spirit had taken its flight to be with Him whom he had steadfastly confessed under the most excruciating torture, a true hero of the faith. On the same day four other Brethren were executed, and on the day following a number of others. Sattler's wife showed the same steadfastness and courage, and a few days later was drowned in the Neckar river.

Michael Sattler was an outstanding leader and minister of the Swiss Brethren, a man distinguished for his noble Christian character. This fact was acknowledged even by men who were of the state church party. Wolfgang Capito, when he heard of his martyrdom, wrote in a letter to the magistrates at Horb, that Sattler had been a man of great zeal for God and the Church of Christ, though he had been in error on a few points. Capito added that Sattler had stressed the need of consistent Christian living and abstaining from all appearance of evil. This, as already stated was a characteristic of the evangelical Anabaptists in general. Michael Sattler's aforementioned letter of consolation to the brotherhood at Horb, together with the account of his martyrdom, was repeatedly printed in pamphlet form.¹

THE EARLY MENNONITE VIEW OF THE CHURCH

The early Swiss Brethren and Mennonites held that a true Christian church consists of those who by their own choice have accepted Christ and bidden adieu to the world. In the language of the New Testament, the believers are those "called out" from the world, implying the idea that the Christian church is distinct and separate from the world. The Brethren held that the church and the world differ so vitally in their nature that compromise with the world means defection for the church. In the Protestant (as well as Catholic) state churches of Reformation times, on the other hand, the membership consisted of such as in their earliest infancy had been made members of the church by baptism. These churches then did not in principle consist of only believers, or of such as had personally repented and believed.

In the state churches of the Reformation period the church consisted of the whole population of a given state. All were made members without their knowledge and consent; that is, without personally accepting the obligations of church membership. There was no separation between the church and the world. The world was the church, and the church was the world. There was no church discipline. Although every person was a church member by force of the civil law, those "who were in earnest in their Christian profession" (to use an expression of Luther) were often few and far between. It should be observed that the mission field of the state churches was within the church itself. The task of the ministers who took their profession seriously was to labor for the Christianization of the church. For the New Testament type of churches, such as in principle consist of believers, the mission field is the world.

In view of the regrettable imperfections of the church, it is sometimes said that the true church exists invisibly within the professing church, and that this invisible church is in a literal sense "without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing." It is an obvious fact, however, that not even believers who lead a consistent life are faultless in the eyes of the Lord, except in the sense that Christ's righteousness is imputed to them. In other words, even the so-called invisible church cannot lay claim to the predicate of perfection. Martin Luther held that wherever the gospel is preached in its purity and the sacraments are properly administered, there is within the visible church (the state church) an invisible church.

¹Sattler is the author of Hymn No. 7 in the Ausbund.

But "invisibility of the church" is a self-contradictory term. A church necessarily consists of persons. True conversion and walking in newness of life do, as a matter of fact, not result in personal invisibility. No one would question that the apostolic church was of course not invisible. Our Lord, in the Sermon on the Mount, compares His followers to a city that is built upon a hill which cannot be hid. The early Mennonites held that when the church is invisible, it does not exist.

In the great debate held in 1532 at Zofingen, Switzerland, the spokesman of the Swiss Brethren said:

In the early church only those were received as members who were converted through repentance to newness of life.

The true church is separated from the world and is conformed to the nature of Christ. If the church is yet at one with the world, we cannot recognize it as the true church.

We cannot admit that a true church is united with the worldly government.

Thus the church was established: When the apostles came to any place, they preached the Word and there was a separation from the world [on the part of those who accepted the teaching].

Menno Simons wrote on the same subject:

The true messengers of the gospel who are one with Christ in Spirit, in love and life, teach that which is entrusted to them by Christ, namely repentance and the peaceable gospel of grace which He Himself has received of the Father and taught the world. All who hear, believe, accept, and rightly fulfill the same are the Church of Christ, the true, believing Christian church, the body and bride of Christ, the ark of the Lord. They are ordained to proclaim the power of Him who has called them from darkness unto His marvelous light.¹

Christ's church consists of the chosen of God, His saints and beloved who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb, who are born of God and led by Christ's Spirit, who are in Christ and Christ in them, who hear and believe His word, live in their weakness according to His commandments and in patience and meekness follow in His footsteps, who hate evil and love the good.²

On the principle of separation Menno wrote:

The whole evangelical Scriptures teach that Christ's church was and must be a people separated from the world in doctrine, life, and worship. It was likewise so in the Old Testament (II Cor. 6:17; Tit. 2:14; I Pet. 2:9, 10; I Cor. 5:17; Ex. 19:12).

Since the church always was and must be a separated people, as has been said above, and since it is clear as the meridian sun that for many centuries there was [in the Catholic countries] no difference between the church and the world, but all people [all inhabitants of a given state] have been united together in baptism, supper, life, and worship without any separation, (a condition which is so clearly contrary to all the Scripture), therefore we are constrained from sincere motives, by the Spirit and Word of God, to the praise of Christ and for the service and salvation of our neighbor, to gather together a pious, penitent assembly or church which is separated from the world, as the Scriptures teach.³

The early Mennonites did not teach that a true church is necessarily free of unworthy members, or that hypocrites may never be found in it. This is clear from many statements of the Brethren themselves, as well as from the testimony of their opponents. Heinrich Bullinger relates that the Brethren protested against the civil authorities' interference in religious and spiritual things. According to Bullinger's testimony they said: "How can the civil authorities judge matters of faith, when in fact faith and unbelief are of an invisible, spiritual nature and are hidden in the human heart, so that even the church cannot judge the true condition of its members?" Again, the spokesmen of the Brethren in the great debates in Switzerland pointed out, as noted before, that discipline would not be needed if the church were perfect. The Reformed theologian, George Thormann, in his polemical work against the Swiss Brethren, makes the following statement: "Since no other church insists so strenuously on the need of discipline as they do, it is evident that their preaching of the Word is not so effective as is commonly supposed." This writer failed to consider that the apostolic church also held the practice of discipline to be essential.

In the discussions at Zofingen and Bern the Brethren made these statements:

It is also true that evil persons, false Christians, may steal into the church and the church may not be aware of it.

No one should be excluded except for actual transgression deserving this act of discipline.

If one was warned once and twice and will not give heed, the matter should be brought before the church and the offending one should be excommunicated.

¹Works, II, p. 345. All further references to the writings of Menno Simons, unless otherwise stated, are to the English edition, The Complete Works of Menno Simon, Elkhart, Indiana, 187-.

²Works, I, P. 161

³Works, II, p. 38

If the vices which Paul mentions in the sixth chapter of Galatians are known to the church, those who are guilty should be excluded by excommunication.

We do not make haste with excommunication but we warn accordingly to the nature of the case, and use such disciplinary measures only if the guilty one continues in transgression.

Pirgram Marpeck wrote in reply to the charge made by Caspar Schwenckfeld that the Brethren considered their church perfect: "As concerns faults or failings, we are falling far behind the church in apostolic times, and even the apostolic church was not without faults."

Schwenckfeld, in passing, was of the opinion that there existed at that time no organization which was a Christian church in the New Testament sense; hence no one was under obligation to unite with any church. Marpeck, replying to this opinion, says at the same place:

If Swenckfeld if waiting for a church, such as he thinks the church should be, he will assuredly have to wait long, like the Jews who are yet waiting for the Messiah. They were offended in Him and would not have a carpenter's son. Schwenckfeld would obviously have disapproved even of the apostolic church and would have found fault with it.

The early Mennonites' rejection of perfectionism, indicates that they did not claim sinless perfection for the church. Menno Simons, as already indicated, taught that true Christians are perfect in the sense that Christ's perfect righteousness is accounted to them. He held that the church as an organization should be "unblamable" in the sense that its teachings are founded upon God's Word alone; that it stands for all the truth of the Word and is conducted and maintained throughout in accordance with it. Not infrequently he referred to the fact that among the apostles there was a Judas. He believed the church to be "the communion of the saints" in very deed, but did not ascribe to it perfection in purity in the absolute sense. Menno Simons wrote:¹

In the fifth place we teach, seek and demand that the Lord's supper be observed as the Lord Jesus Himself has instituted and observed it, namely with a church that is outwardly without spot or blemish, that is without open transgression and wickedness; for the church judges that which is visible. But what is inwardly evil, but does not appear outwardly to the church, such God alone will judge and pass sentence on them; for He alone, and not the church, discerns the hearts and reins.

It is worthy of notice in this connection that in Menno's opinion not all grievous sin need be publicly confessed. If a transgression is unknown both to the world and to the church, and the guilty one repents and confesses his sin to a brother, Menno did not believe it proper to make the matter public. He wrote in 1558:²

If at any time it would come to pass that any one commit sin against his God in secret in any carnal abomination, from which may He through His power preserve us all, and if the Spirit of Christ who alone must awaken true repentance in us all, again touched his heart and granted him genuine repentance, such a case we are not called to judge, for it is a matter between him and God. For since it is evident that we do not seek our righteousness and salvation, the remission of our sins, divine grace, reconciliation, and eternal life in or through church discipline, but alone in the righteousness, intercession, merit, death and blood of Christ, and since now the two real objects why excommunication is commanded in the Scripture can not be sought in the instance of such an one, because, firstly, his sin is private, hence no offence can follow from it, and secondly, he is contrite at heart and penitent in life, therefore there is no need of putting him to shame in order that he may be brought to repentance. There is no injunction of Christ, no divine command that such an one should be more severely taken to account, or excluded, or brought to shame before the church.

The supposition that the early Mennonites condemned those who were not of their persuasion is incorrect. In the debate of Zofingen, in 1532, the Brethren were asked: "If a man, living in Roman Catholic territory, had been led to recognize the errors of Romanism and was leading a good life but desired to remain with his wife and children and did not move out of such territory, would you consider him your brother?" Their reply, as given by one of their spokesman, was: "So long as one attended idolatrous worship and swallowed the god consisting of bread and had a part in abominations, I could not hold him a brother or Christian. But if one lived among Romanists and desired to remain with his family, hoping for their enlightenment and did not defile himself with such usages, I could not repudiate him."

Even one who had been excommunicated they would not condemn. They said: "We are not informed that one who was thus excommunicated and does not turn may be an heir of the kingdom of God."

Pilgram Marpeck wrote in his Reply to Schwenckfeld: "He says that we condemn all who are not of one mind with us. This, again, is not the truth. We have no right to condemn

¹Works, II, p, 243

²Works, I, p. 254

any one. But, seeking the salvation of men, we testify to the truth of God. If some one is hit or judged by it, this is not our responsibility."

George Thorman, a clergyman of the Protestant state church in his polemical work against the Swiss Brethren, said in 1693: "If you ask them whether they are of the opinion that no one among us [the state church] could be saved they say unhesitatingly: No, they do not hold such a view."

In the course of the great debate held in Bern in 1538 the state church theologians asserted that the church of the Brethren could not be a true Christian church, because the Brethren would not condemn one who had renounced their own church, "for," said the state church leaders, "those who renounce the true Christian church are damned."

The members of the early Anabaptist and Mennonite churches had come out of the Roman Catholic Church. In the states in which the authorities had at an early date accepted a Protestant (Lutheran or Reformed) creed, they had been Protestants. In many instances the early Anabaptists' personal testimony of their former religious experiences is yet preserved. The following example to the point is the statement of a spokesman of the Swiss Brethren in the disputation of Bern, in 1538 (his name is not given in the protocol):

While yet in the national [Reformed] church we obtained much instruction from the writing of Luther, Zwingli, and others concerning the mass and other papal ceremonies, that they are vain. Yet we recognized a great lack as regards repentance, conversion, and the true Christian life. Upon these things my mind was bent. I waited and hoped for a year or two, since the minister had much to say of amendment of life, of giving to the poor, loving one another, and abstaining from evil. But I could not close my eyes to the fact that the doctrine which was preached and which was based on the Word of God, was not carried out. No beginning was made toward true Christian living, and there was no unison in the teaching concerning things that were necessary. And although the mass and the image were finally abolished, true repentance and Christian love were not in evidence. Changes were made only as concerned external things. This gave me occasion to inquire further into these matters. Then God sent His messengers, Conrad Grebel and others, with whom I conferred about the fundamental teachings of the apostles and the Christian life and practice. I found them men who had surrendered themselves to the doctrine of Christ by Bussfertigkeit (penitence and contrition). With their assistance we established a congregation in which repentance was in evidence by newness of life in Christ.

Again a spokesman of the Brethren, on the same occasion, after stating that they had found the state church type of the Reformation unsatisfactory, said:

Meanwhile we became acquainted with the Brethren. We found that they had the doctrine of Christ and followed Him in the point of discipline according also to the apostolic command, and that they carried these things into practice. We found that they had truly attained to newness of life, to live no longer in sin. Therefore we gave ear to their message, and since we observed that they walked according to the Apostles' doctrine, we joined ourselves to them.

The fact will bear repetition, for emphasis, that at the time when the first congregation of the Swiss Brethren was organized, the Protestants (Zwinglians) in Zurich constituted as yet merely a party, not a church. The followers of Zwingli favored the intended withdrawal from the Roman church whenever the Council of Zurich would give orders to this effect. But in January, 1525, when the Swiss Brethren first organized themselves as a church, the Catholic Mass was yet observed in all the churches, the Zwinglian church having not yet been called into existence. The church from which the Brethren withdrew was not the Zwinglian but the Roman church.

Now, at first thought, one would naturally suppose that Zwingli and his adherents had no objection to the withdrawal of Grebel and his associates from the Romish church. But, as pointed out repeatedly, this was not by any means the case. Zwingli had decided that the Protestant church should, in its relationship to the state, take the place which hitherto the Roman church had held. By force of the civil law the membership of the new church was to be the same as the membership of the Catholic Church. It should comprise the whole population, just as had been the case beforehand. Hence, separation from the Romish church was not to be permitted before the withdrawal of the people in a body.

In later years, namely after the rise of the Anabaptist movement, both Luther and Zwingli held that the Roman Catholic Church is and always was the true Christian church, though it needed a reformation. After the new Protestant churches had been established, these reformers asserted that they had not forsaken the Roman Church, but had reformed it, or sections of it, and that the Anabaptists, had withdrawn, or separated, from the true church. In the great debate held at Bern in 1538 the state leaders demanded of the ministers of the Brethren to prove their calling by working miracles, like the apostles, while they themselves needed no such proof, being called by those who were of the true Christian church. Nearly all the ministers of the state church had formerly been priests, and none of them had been reordained.

The Swiss Brethren wrote in a booklet entitled Vindication (reprinted in Bullinger's larger work against the Anabaptists):

They [the leaders of the national Protestant churches] accuse us saying that we despise them, and that we desire to be better, or consider ourselves better than they. They do not take into consideration that we, in turn, could ask them: Why do you think yourselves better than the Romanists?—and indeed the Romanists do address them in such un-Christian fashion. . . . If they, then, would confess that they of themselves are not better than the Romanists, but only in respect to the faith, or because of a better faith and practice; well, now, they should grant to us the same liberty [to hold that our teaching and practice is more scriptural]. Yet it is not of us but of God to be more obedient to the gospel and the commandments of God.

Luther as well as Zwingli, in their earlier reformatory writings, however, had denounced the Roman church in severe terms. Zwingli often stated that he did not recognize "the papal rabble" (to give his own words) as a Christian church. In his book, The Shepherd, written in the spring of the year 1524, he said that the church whose head is the pope is the Christian church "no more than Belial is God." As just stated, these reformers in a later period thoroughly modified their views of the Roman Catholic Church. Luther in particular in later years, spoke in terms of highest praise of that church, though he never ceased to denounce the pope as the very Antichrist, that is to say, the principal representative of the kingdom of darkness on earth.¹ These reformers never undertook to explain how the Roman Catholic Church could be recognized as the true church, while the Mass, one of the main features of the practices of this church, was in their opinion idolatry and blasphemy. They apparently never stopped to consider the inconsistency of how the community of those who held the Antichrist to be the rightful head of the church, could be the true church, or how an ordination performed on his authority could be valid.

The leaders of the Swiss Brethren realized that the Roman church was built upon an unscriptural foundation. The theological and ecclesiastical structure of that church was erected upon the principle of salvation through the sacraments and the mediation of the priesthood. In the disputation held at Bern in 1538 a spokesman of the Swiss Brethren said:

We do not contradict that there may have been those [in the Roman Catholic Church] in whom God had pleasure, though they were in ignorance and darkness; this we leave to God. But since the popish church was founded on error, we cannot admit that it was the true Christian church. . . . A true church must be conformed to the teachings and institutions of Christ.

The Brethren saw clearly that the existing needs did not call for a mere reformation, but for preaching the primitive gospel and for building anew on no other foundation than that of the Scriptures. It may be observed that while Conrad Grebel, who performed the first act of baptism, had not been ordained in the Catholic Church, other leaders of the Brethren had received such ordination. This was not taken into account by the Brethren. They did not recognize Roman Catholic ordinations.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE

The early Mennonites were a unit in the emphasis they placed on the need of scriptural church discipline. Originally the leaders in the Protestant state churches, Luther and Zwingli, were of one mind with them on this point. Within a short period, however, both these reformers, as elsewhere indicated, consented to a close union of the church with the state. In consequence they found scriptural discipline impracticable.

Ulrich Zwingli, in the earlier years of his reformatory labors, taught that discipline, including excommunication, "was instituted by the Lord Himself." As late as April, 1525, Zwingli defended discipline as indispensable. But very soon after the establishment of the Reformed state church in Zurich, Zwingli found that under existing conditions discipline was an impossibility. He began to oppose it and to teach that it is not only unnecessary, but adverse to the best interests of the church. Contrary to his advice, the introduction of discipline was attempted in the Zwinglian churches at Basel, St. Gall, and other places, but was soon abandoned as impracticable.

In a synod of the Reformed state church held at Frauenfeld, in 1529, there was a lengthy discussion on this subject between Zwingli and Dominic Zili, the head pastor of St. Gall, who had obviously been under Swiss Brethren influence. Zili demanded the introduction of discipline, asserting that for a true church it is absolutely necessary. Zwingli, on the contrary, spoke as an opponent of discipline. Replying to Zili, he made the remarkable statement that the practice of excommunication "would cost many preachers," indicating that many ministers were guilty of open transgression. In a synod, held in the following year at St. Gall, Zili again defended the need of discipline, against Zwingli who opposed it on the ground that, as he expressly stated, it would jeopardize the material prosperity of the city of St. Gall. Thereupon, Dominic Zili, addressing Zwingli, replied, "I believe that all temporal things should be forsaken and counted but loss for the sake of the eternal Word of God, but according to your statement the divine Word must be abrogated and forsaken in the interests of material prosperity." The well-known Reformed church historian, Emil Egli says: "Zwingli at first approved of excommunication and intended to introduce it, but later rejected and opposed it."

¹Second Thessalonians 2:4

Martin Butzer, the Zwinglian reformer of Strasburg admitted that without the practice of discipline there can be no true Christian church. In other words, he conceded that the national church, in which he was a prominent leader, could not claim the prerogative of a true church. John Calvin, in the earlier period of his reformatory labors, was for a time associated with Butzer at Strasburg, and there is adequate ground for thinking that Calvin's strict views regarding the need of discipline are at least partly to be ascribed to the influence of Butzer. There is furthermore convincing evidence that Butzer was, in turn, influenced by the Swiss Brethren. Calvin, in his treatise on the Schleitheim Confession, admitted that the teaching of the Swiss Brethren in church discipline was scriptural. He remarked that the Brethren had learned and adopted their views on this point from his writings. And as yet they had held these teachings from their inception as a church and long before Calvin's renunciation of Romanism.

Butzer, realizing the need of discipline, as indicated above, did his best to introduce it in the Reformed state church in Strasburg, but his attempts to this end were in vain. Calvin, on the other hand, was successful in his efforts toward this end. He enforced church discipline in the city of Geneva. His method of enacting discipline was by coercion through the civil authorities. To a greater degree than Luther, Zwingli, Butzer, or any other reformer, John Calvin succeeded in the endeavor of making the state do the bidding of the state church. Excommunication was practiced in the Geneva state church, and excommunicated persons were not tolerated within the borders of the state.

In the debate held at Zofingen in 1532, a spokesman of the Reformed state church said, that to excommunicate (according to the usage of the Anabaptists) all who were guilty of transgression, was impracticable, for the reason that the result would be that "the number of the excommunicated would exceed that of the pious, and they would exile and drive out the pious."

The Swiss Brethren, as repeatedly stated, never swerved from the position which Zwingli and other reformers had originally shared with them, as concerns scriptural discipline. In the great disputations which, after Zwingli's death, the Brethren had with the leaders of the Protestant state church, the Brethren showed that discipline is a vital characteristic of a true Christian church. "There is no [true] church where there is no excommunication after the manner and method of the apostles," said one of their spokesmen in the disputation of Bern, in 1538. The theologians of the state church, on the contrary, defended the view that under a [nominally] Christian government, where the civil authorities punish wrongdoing, church discipline is not essential. And yet at the same time they expressed regret that discipline could not be practiced in their church.

Menno Simons wrote on church discipline:

It is evident that a congregation or church cannot continue in the salutary doctrine and in a blameless and pious life without the proper use of discipline. Even as a city without a wall and gates, or a field without an inclosure or fence, or a house without walls and doors, so is also a church without the true apostolic exclusion. For it would be open to all deceiving spirits, all godless scorners and haughty despisers, all idolatrous and insolent transgressors, yes to all lewd debauchers and adulterers, as is the case with all the great sects of the world. In my opinion it is a vital characteristic, an honor and a means of prosperity for a true church to practice with Christian discretion the true apostolic exclusion and to observe it carefully with vigilant love according to the teaching of the holy divine Scriptures.

PRACTICE OF FEETWASHING

The apostle Paul, in his first letter to Timothy (5:10), refers to feetwashing, indicating that it was observed in the apostolic church. Within about a century from the time of the apostles, Tertullian (A.D. 160-220) makes mention of it as an observance in the church. Ambrose (340-297), Augustine (354-430) and others of the church fathers defended it. This practice was far more common in the early church than has been generally supposed.

In the synod of Toledo, in Spain, held in 694, the assembled bishops decided that only those who had participated in feet washing should be permitted to take part in the communion service. Bernard of Clairvaux (1113-1153) defended feet washing as a divine commandment. Some of the dissenting sects of pre-Reformation times also observed it. In the Eastern (Greek) Church and in the Church of England this rite was practiced until a comparatively recent date. It was commonly observed on Thursday of Passion week.

Luther, in his Greater Catechism, favorably mentions feet washing as an observance. Casper Schwenckfeld (1490-1561) taught that feet washing is a commandment of Christ, as well as baptism and the Lord's Supper. He says: "But why do they [the Lutherans] not insist as strongly on feet washing which was commanded of the Lord as well as the communion, and which was also observed in the early church? This is indeed a command of the Lord, as well as the breaking of bread."

The first mention of feet washing among the Anabaptists dates from the year of their first organization (1525), when it was practised in the congregation of Balthasar Hubmaier at Waldshut in South Germany. The chronicler Sebastian Franck wrote, in 1531, that feet

¹Works, I, p. 241

washing was practised by some of the Swiss Anabaptists, and Heinrich Bullinger, in his larger work against the Swiss Brethren, written in 1560, confirms this statement. Also in central Germany there were Anabaptists who practiced this rite.

The writings of Pilgram Marpeck, who labored at Strasburg, Augsburg, and other places of South Germany, make repeated mention of feet washing, indicating definitely that in these churches it was accepted and practiced as a Christian ordinance. The Ausbund, the hymnbook of the early Swiss Brethren, contains two hymns teaching the washing of the saints' feet.

Menno Simons mentions feet washing twice in his writings.¹ Dirck Philips speaks of feet washing as the third ordinance of Christ. The Waterlandian Mennonite Confession of 1577, the "Concept of Cologne" of 1591, the larger Freisian Mennonite Confession of about 1600, consisting of thirty-three articles, the "Olive Branch," of 1627, the confession of Jan Centsen of Amsterdam, 1630, and the Dortrecht Confession of 1632, all teach feet washing. There is good evidence that all Mennonite churches of the Netherlands and northern Germany practised this ordinance. The Amish Mennonite churches from the beginning observed it. Before the years 1874 and 1875, when the more conservative Mennonite groups of Russia emigrated to America, very many of the Russian Mennonite churches observed feet washing. It seems, however, that the Swiss Brethren and South German Mennonites did not observe the practice.

AUTHORITY OF THE SCRIPTURES

Regarding this question regrettable confusion has been caused by an erroneous view; namely, by the supposition that Hans Denck, the mystic, was of the Swiss Brethren or Mennonite faith. As indicated elsewhere, Denck taught that not the written Word of God, but "the inner Word," is the final authority. This view of the Scripture is sometimes spoken of as the spiritualistic view. On the contrary the Swiss Brethren and Mennonites invariably stressed the importance of the written Word of God.

The contemporary chronicler, Sebastian Franck, (himself a defender of the "spiritualistic" view of the Scripture), wrote in 1530:

There arose from the letter of Scripture, independently of the state churches, a new sect which was called Anabaptists. . . . By the good appearance of their sect and their appeal to the letter of Scripture, to which they strictly adhered, they drew to themselves many thousand God-fearing hearts who had a zeal for God.

The Protestant church historian Urban Heberle, gives this testimony to the point:

First of all, we must recognize the outstanding fact that Grebel and his associates held the Scriptures in the highest regard in both their oral testimony and religious practice. Never do they appeal to direct divine revelations; never so they speak of the Scriptures as the dead letter in contrast to new revelations and to the living divine voice. Grebel never complains that the opposite party (the leading theologians of the national church) overemphasize the need of following the letter of the Scripture but, on the contrary, his criticism is that they take this matter too lightly.

Following are a few pertinent statements from the writings of the Brethren: In a letter, Conrad Grebel wrote, in 1524:

We would ask you to discard the old ordinances of Antichrist and hold to the Word of God alone and be guided by it.

Again Grebel said on another occasion:

You should regard neither the opinion of the civil authorities nor of any man but should do only what God requires of you; and what the mouth of God has spoken, that you should heed.

Michael Sattler wrote:

Let no one cause you to depart from the standard that is laid through the letter of Scripture which is sealed by the blood of Christ and of many witnesses of Jesus.

The Anabaptist preacher, Leonhard Scheimer, who was executed January 14, 1528, at Rattenberg in the Tyrol, proposed to the judges who condemned him to death: Since they regarded his doctrine and faith heretical, they should arrange for learned persons, doctors, priests and monks to discuss the disputed points with him on scriptural grounds. He suggested further, both orally and in writing, that if they could show that his teaching was wrong and was not the doctrine of the Scriptures, the executioner should sever one of his limbs from his body, and when deprived of his limbs, tear out the ribs from his body until he expired.

In the great debates of the Swiss Brethren with the representatives of the Zwingli state church, held at Zofingen in 1532 and at Bern in 1538, they continually appealed to, and demanded that their opponents abide by the Scripture. They said:

We hold that all things should be proven to ascertain what is founded on the holy Word of God, for this will stand when heaven and earth pass away, as Christ Himself said.

Extracts from the Mennonites in Europe by John Horsch

MICHAEL SATTLER AND HIS WORK

After the death of Conrad Grebel (1526) and Felix Manz (1527) Michael Sattler was the most noteworthy leader of the Swiss Brethren. His martyrdom took place only a few months after that of Manz.

Michael Sattler was born about 1495 at Staufen near Freiburg in Baden. Of his youth and early life nothing is definitely known. He was thoroughly versed in Latin, as well as in theology, having probably studied at the University of Freiburg. As a young man and a devout Catholic, he decided to become a monk. He entered the cloister of St. Peter near Freiburg in all sincerity of purpose, but found moral conditions in the cloister very disappointing. Yet, within a short period he advanced to the position of prior of the cloister. He read the ancient church fathers, and through the study of the Scriptures he sought and found enlightenment in evangelical truth. In 1523 he left the cloister and entered the state of matrimony.

In the summer of 1525 Michael Sattler arrived in the canton Zurich, Switzerland. Here he united with the Swiss Brethren and was active as a messenger of the gospel. Very probably he attended the disputation held on November 6 of the same year at Zurich, between the Brethren and the Zwinglian theologians. In consequence he was banished from Zurich on November 18, 1525, and then returned to the vicinity of Freiburg. For a number of months he labored at Horb and Rottenburg in Wurttemberg, where Wilhelm Reublin had previously been active. Later Sattler went to Strasburg in Alsace.

In this city the Protestant reformer, Wolfgang Capito, who at that time took an attitude of friendliness toward the Anabaptists, received Sattler into his home. Martin Butzer, the most influential of the reformers of Strasburg, had, together with Capito, a lengthy discussion with him. Butzer has been rightfully referred to as the diplomat among the reformers. He put forth every effort to persuade Michael Sattler to take a conciliatory attitude toward the Strasburg state church. Concerning infant baptism both Capito and Butzer could point to their own previous expressions of doubt and uncertainty. They naturally attempted to minimize the existing differences in faith and practice. Butzer made much of the fact that the magistrates of Strasburg had as yet not officially accepted or prescribed a definite creed and had not officially declared their position regarding baptism, though infant baptism was practiced in all churches of the city. He attempted to persuade Sattler of the possibility of the magistrates finally adopting a creed which would prove satisfactory, at least in a measure, from the Swiss Brethren viewpoint.

Nevertheless there existed important differences which could not be explained away. Martin Butzer, on the ground of the text: "The end of the commandment is charity,"¹ defended the view that Christian love should overlook and ignore the differences. More exactly, he urged that love on the part of the Brethren should create in them a willingness to unite with the state church despite the existing differences. But the question of love on the part of the state church leaders toward the Brethren he left entirely out of consideration. Butzer himself was the most persistent advocate of a policy of intolerance and persecution toward

the Brethren in Strasburg. This fact he overlooked entirely, and he expected the Brethren to overlook it. He asserted that their refusal to consent to the proposed union with the state church indicated a lack of Christian love.

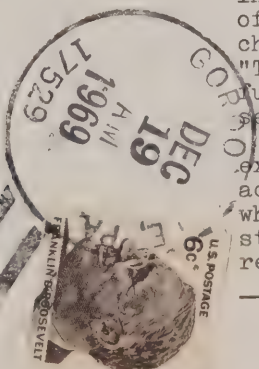
Some time after these discussions Michael Sattler wrote a letter to Butzer and Capito setting forth and defending his position. In this letter he spoke at length of the nature and function of the church. He showed that, on the ground of the principle of separation, which the New Testament teaches, a Christian church is not a promiscuous multitude, such as constituted the membership of the state churches. He showed that the church in the New Testament sense is a union of believers in Christ who are resolved to render obedience to Him as their Lord. It is not an organization of which every inhabitant is compelled by civil law to consider himself a member, regardless of his personal religious attitude. "True Christians," Sattler says in this letter, "are those who carry out Christ's doctrine in their lives." "They are fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God; they are not of the world." "They are chosen out of the world; therefore the world hateth them." "The kingdom of Christ is not of this world." Sattler shows further that the erring should be reprov'd in love, not persecuted.

Furthermore, Sattler in this letter explained that the existing differences concerned not only the nature or character of the church but also certain points of Christian practice, which are taught in the Word but were disregarded by the Strasburg state church, such as church discipline, the ordinances, non-resistance, and the oath. He repudiated the view expressed by

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¹First Timothy 1:5

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LEBANON CO. PA. YOUTH DIED THREE WEEKS AFTER BUGGY CRASH

On November 25 David K. Stoltzfus, 24, and Ruth Lapp of Myerstown were involved in a buggy-car accident while crossing Rt. 422, a 4-lane highway, on the way home from the wedding at Sam Kauffmans. David had a broken collar bone, a few cracked ribs and also a fractured pelvis bone. He seemed on the way to recovery in the hospital then on Dec. 17 while he was singing he suddenly passed out from a blood clot in the lungs. He revived for a few minutes until it reached the brain which caused his death. Ruth was similarly injured and could not be at the funeral although she was taken by ambulance to his home to see him. She was released from the hospital on Christmas morning and is improving. They had planned to be married December 18.

WAYNE CO. OHIO SCHOOL TEACHER DIED AFTER BEING THROWN FROM HORSE

Henry J. Miller, 22, a teacher in a one room Amish School in Wayne County, Ohio was riding a horse on the morning of December 5. His horse slipped on the ice and fell. He was thrown onto the hard surfaced road where he fell on his head. He was taken to the hospital where he died Monday the 8th. There were 39 scholars in his school. Funeral on Thursday, December 11th was held by Bishop Joe D. Troyer, burial in the Miller Cemetery. Survivors are his parents, John J. Millers Jr., two sisters, Lydia and Mattie, 4 brothers, Joni, Andy and Dan at home and Eli J. of Dundee.

HOLMES CO. OHIO GIRL KILLED ON ROAD

Fannie J. Hershberger, 15, daughter of Joe D. Hershberger was instantly killed while walking along the road near her home. She is survived by her parents, five sister all at home, grandparents, Mrs. Dan E. Hershberger and Mr. and Mrs. Andy P. Weaver, Millersburg. Funeral services held December 23rd by Bishop Dan P. Schrock.

LANCASTER COUNTY, PA. FAMILY INVOLVED IN TWO-CAR ACCIDENT

On Wed. eve. December 17 the Jacob Riehl family of Strasburg Pa were involved in a two-car accident near Reading while on their way to see the Christmas lights at Bernville. Jacob had a broken rib and bruises. Lizzie, his wife, suffered a fracture of a bone in her cheek. Jacob Jr. had severe cuts of the face. Mary has a broken leg, and Linda, 12, is still unconscious after two operations on her head and removal of the spleen. Mary has her leg in traction, but is to have surgery to put a pin in her leg.

MIFFLIN COUNTY, PA. FIRE

On Tuesday evening, December 16 fire broke out in the tenant house of Joseph I. Peachey, occupied by Jonas and Lydia Yoder. Lydia, thinking the fire almost gone, poured some kerosene on the fire from an open juice can. The fire ignited quickly, Lydia saw there were flames in the can so she set it down. Jonas was holding their 7 week old baby so he took it into another room. Just as the fire was almost extinguished they tipped over the can spilling the rest of the kerosene, which caused a more serious fire. They ran from the house but Jonas returned through the fire to rescue the child.

The people in the farm house heard screams and became aware of the fire. Milk was poured on the fire and it was extinguished before the fire trucks arrived.

Jonas, Lydia and the baby were taken to the hospital. Lydia was sent home the same evening. Jonas was treated for first and second degree burns and has both hands and arms bandaged to the elbow. The baby apparently got too much smoke, was put under oxygen and was kept in the hospital five days, was at home one week but is in the hospital again.

Let us remember our bereaved ones in prayer



"Lasset die Kindlein zu mir kommen."
Matth 10:14



BIRTHS

Haven, Kansas

Bontrager, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Bontrager a son MARVIN JAY, December 18
 Schrock, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schrock a son RODGER, December 4

Buchanan County, Iowa

Bontrager, Mose (Amanda Hershberger) Fairbank, a daughter _____ December 9
 Bontrager, Simeon D. (Verne Beechy) Hazleton, a daughter ADA, December 17
 Mast, Henry A. (Esther Yutzzy) Fairbank, a son MARVIN, December 15
 Nisly, Levi (Lizzann Mast) Hazleton, a son MONROE, November 27
 Yoder, Henry A. (Katie Kauffman) Fairbank, a daughter _____ December 9

Arthur, Illinois

Chupp, Floyd (Sovilla Stutzman) a son VERNON, December 31
 Miller, Monroe, (Lydia Schrock) a son KENNETH, December 11

Adams County, Indiana

Eicher, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Eicher, Berne R2 a son PAUL, August 11

Daviess County, Indiana

Graber, Harvey (Leah Wagler) Loogootee RR, a son _____ December 9
 Lengacher, Ezra (Sarah Raber) Loogootee R2, a daughter LORENE, December 8
 Knepp, Ben (Agnes Graber) Odon R1, a daughter CHERYL, December 5
 Raber, John (Rosa Wagler) Loogootee RR, a daughter CORENE, December 13
 Stoll, Joe (Rachel Graber) Odon RR, a daughter _____ December 25
 Stoll, Joe (Sarah Catherine Knepp) Loogootee R1, a son DAVID LLOYD, November 29
 Wagler, Eli (Diona Graber) Montgomery R1, a son LELAND JAY, December 6
 Wagler, Melvin (Ida Mae Stoll) Loogootee R2, a daughter BARBARA JEAN, December 6

LaGrange County, Indiana

Bender, Elmer F. (Elizabeth Schlabach) Wolcottville R2, a daughter ERMA, December 1
 Bontrager, Perry Jay (Ida Mae Slabach) Shipshewana R2, a daughter NORMA JEAN, December 22
 Lehman, Lester (Mary Bontrager) Middlebury R1, a daughter MARTHA SUE, December 22
 Lehman, Manas M. (Lydia Miller) LaGrange R1, a daughter _____ December 8
 Mast, Elmer (Katie Hochstetler) Topeka R1, a daughter MARY KATHRYN, December 19
 Miller, Melvin E. (Lydia Troyer) Shipshewana R1, a son DUANE LYNN, December 8
 Miller, Wilbur D. (Mary Esther Miller) Topeka R1, a son DAVID WAYNE, December 26
 Nisley, Ervin (Elizabeth Bontrager) Rome City R1, a daughter WANITA, December 22
 Nissley, Crist D. (Fannie Mae Miller) Topeka R2, a daughter ROSEMARY, December 10
 Otto, Jerry (Polly Anna Eash) LaGrange R1, a daughter LORENE, December 26
 Raber, Perry J. (Lizzie Miller) Topeka R1, a daughter VERA, December 13
 Schrock, Melvin E. (Edna Ellen Miller) LaGrange R4, a son ELMER, December 10
 Wingard, Clarence (Edna Otto) Shipshewana R2, a daughter ANNA MAE, December 21
 Wingard, Joseph (Betty Bontrager) Shipshewana R2, a son PAUL, December 16
 Yoder, Lonnie (Elizabeth Reigsicker) Shipshewana R2, a son DENNIS LEE, December 11

St. Mary's County, Maryland

Stoltzfus, Gideon (Hannah Hostetler) Charlotte Hall, a son BENNIE, December 21

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Fisher, Alvin (Anna Beiler) Salisbury, a son Bennie Jay December 30

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Peachey, Benjamin D. (Sarah Swarey) Annensville, a daughter MARY, December 22
 Peachey, Benjamin E. (Sadie Yoder) Allensville, a son LEROY, December 21
 Peachey, Daniel L. (Bertha Byler) Belleville, a daughter LAVINA M., December 11
 Wengerd, Samuel (Hettie Peachey) Belleville, a son JOSEPH, December 25

Centre County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Christ (Sarah Stoltzfus) Rebersburg, twin daughters BARBIE and BECKIE, Dec. 3

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Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Jonathan H. (Fannie Stoltzfus) Quarryville R3, a son BENNIE, December 31
 Esh, Amos K. (Lydia Lapp) Paradise R1, a son ISAAC A., December 6
 Esh, David L. (Annie Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a daughter BARBARA SUE, December 23
 Fisher, Amos S. (Anna S. Glick) 674 Hartman Station Rd. Lanc., a dau MARY ANN, Dec. 24
 Fisher, Christian L. (Sarah S. Lapp) Strasburg R1, a daughter SARAH L., December 10
 Fisher, David S. (Rachel F. Stoltzfus) Paradise R1, a daughter SUSIE S., December 14
 Fisher, Elam F. (Emma S. Lapp) Paradise R1, a son JOHNNIE L., December 9
 Fisher, Leon J. (Ruth Stoltzfus) 171 Quarry Rd. Leola, a son NATHAN, December 11
 Fisher, Reuben (Emma Stoltzfus) Paradise R1, a son JOHN S., December 7
 Glick, Abner (Lavina Stoltzfus) New Providence R1, a son SAMUEL, February 24
 Glick, David W. (Mary King) Lititz R3, a daughter MARION, December 6
 King, Amos K. (Melinda E. King) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter EMMA K., December 9
 King, Christ L. (Elsie S. King) Ronks R1, a daughter MARY ANN, December 28
 King, David S. (Malinda King) Bird-in-Hand R1, twins SAMUEL and SARAH, December 23
 King, Isaac F. (Anna Lapp) Oxford R1, a son AMOS L., December 22
 Lapp, Christ E. (Rachel Beiler) Ronks R1, a daughter NAOMI GRACE, December 16
 Lapp, John (Katie Riehl) Kirkwood R1, a daughter KATIE
 Miller, Christian B. (Naomi Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter REBECCA, Nov. 20
 Miller, Christian B. (Rebecca L. Beiler) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter MIRIAM, December 3
 Smucker, Aquilla (Rachel Kauffman) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son Bennie December 27
 Smucker, Paul (Rachel Beiler) 2008 Horseshoe Rd. Lanc., INFANT SON, December 3
 Stoltzfus, Danuel U. (Rebecca Glick) Honey Brook R1, a daughter NAOMI G., December 29
 Stoltzfus, David L. (Lydia King) Ronks R1, a daughter EMMA K., December 2
 Stoltzfus, John S. (Lydia L. Esh) Gordonville R1, a daughter EMMA, December 21
 Stoltzfus, John Z. (Rachel Blank) Gap R1, a son HENRY, December 31
 Stoltzfus, Levi S. (Sadie S. King) Leola R1, twin sons ABRAM and AMOS, December 21
 Stoltzfus, Levi L. (Sarah Lapp) Kirkwood R1, a son ELMER L., August 6
 Stoltzfus, Samuel J. (Barbara S. Smoker) Narvon R2, twin sons SAMUEL & EMANUEL, Dec. 1
 Stoltzfus, Samuel K. (Mary Miller) Kirkwood R1, a daughter FANNIE, September
 Stoltzfus, Sol J. (Anna R. Stoltzfus) Gap R2, a daughter BARBARA ANN, December 7
 Stoltzfus, Stephen (Lydia Stoltzfus) Kirkwood R1, a son DAVID S., October 5
 Stoltzfus, Stephen B. (Rachel Lapp) New Holland, a daughter Barbara Ann, December 23
 Stoltzfus, Stephen (Nancy Stoltzfus) a son ISREAL, January 3
 Zook, Amos E. (Annie Zook) Ephrata R2, a daughter LIZZIE S., December 9
 Zook, Amos S. (Mary Lapp) Strasburg R1, a daughter BARBARA, December 25
 Zook, Daniel (Mary Fisher) Quarryville R3, a daughter NANCY, November

BAPTISMS

Indiana

Middle Barrens District by Henry Miller, September 14

Leroy, son of David and Ada (Mast) Yoder; Samuel, son of Eli and Fannie (Bontrager) Gingerich; Melvin, son of John M. and Mattie (Miller) Bontrager; Wilbur, son of Jerry J. and Mary (Mast) Yoder; David, son of Freeman and Mary Alice (Miller) Yoder; Freeman, son of Leo and the late Anna (Wingard) Yoder; John, son of Dan and Elsie (Miller) Coblentz; Mary and Lizzie, daughters of Sam and Anna (Bontrager) Schrock; Betty, daughter of Dan and Elsie (Miller) Coblentz.

West Barrens District by Melvin H. Miller, March 22

Noah, son of Benedict and Sarah (Miller) Byler, Mercer, Pa.; Glen, son of Levi M. and Ida (Mast) Helmuth; Ruby, daughter of Henry C. and Susan (Knepp) Yoder; Rosa, daughter of William H. and Clara (Lehman) Miller; Rosanna, daughter of Jonathan I. and Clara (Miller) Yoder; Dora, daughter of Jonas N. and Susie (Miller) Miller; Leanna, daughter of Simon F. and Susie (Beachy) Graber.

Middle Barrens District by William P. Miller, Centreville, Michigan, February 16
 Viola, daughter of Enos and Katie (Wingard) Miller.

ORDINATIONS

Roman I. Yoder, 55, Goshen R1 in Southwest Clinton on October 12 by Perry Nisley, son of Isaac and Mattie (Mullett) Yoder, wife is Cora Hochstetler, daughter of Levi and Emma (Miller) Hochstetler, Nappanee, Indiana.

Henry A. Yoder, 53, Goshen R1 in West Clinton on October 19 by Perry Nisley, son of Pre. Amos J. and Fannie (Miller) Yoder, wife is Mary Miller daughter of Bishop Nathaniel and Mary (Miller) Miller.

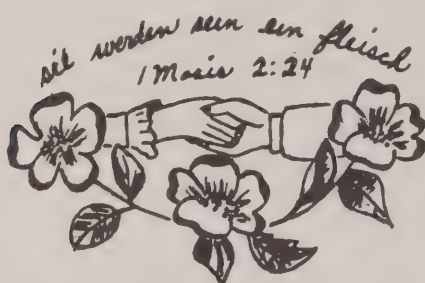
Joe S. Eicher, 27, Middlebury R2 in North Middle Barrens on October 19, 1969 by Henry N. Miller, son of John E. and Catherine (Borkholder) Eicher, wife is Esther dau of Pre. Eli E. and Fannie (Bontrager) Gingerich.

Allen Miller, 30, Middlebury R1 in North East Clinton Middlebury District on October 25 by Enos S. Troyer, son of Menno J. and Sarah (Borkholder) Miller, Arthur, Illinois, wife is Fannie, daughter of Levi D. and Elizabeth (Hochstetler) Yoder, Kalona, Iowa.

Sam E. Bontrager, 33, Middlebury R1 in Middle Barrens District on October 26 by Henry N. Miller, son of Ezra and Susie (Lehman) Bontrager, wife is Ada, daughter of Levi J. and Amelia (Yoder) Raber

Perry L. Bontrager, 41, Shipshewana R2 in South East Barrens on November 1 by John Troyer, son of Levi and Rebecca (Schrock) Bontrager, wife is Katie, daughter of Floyd and Mary Ann (Miller) Chupp, Nappanee, Indiana.

Harry W. Miller, 23, Millersburg R1 in Southwest Honeyville on October 12, by Amos U. Miller, son of William A and Mary (Schrock) Miller, wife is Katie, daughter of Levi J. and Amelia (Yoder) Raber.



MARRIAGES

Arthur, Illinois

Ervin, son of Joseph and Lydia Ann (Stutzman) Beachy and Mary Kathryn, daughter of John and Leah (Miller) Plank, December 18

Orie, son of Jacob and Lizzie (Yoder) Plank and Barbara Louise, daughter of Levi and Lydia (Otto) Miller, December 11

Johnson County, Iowa

Simon, son of John Yoder Jr. and Mary Susan, daughter of Amos Yoder, by Truman Miller, October 30

Widower Edward Bontrager, Hazleton, Iowa and Cora M. Yoder by Ira Nissley, Dec. 7

LaGrange County, Indiana

Reuben, son of Reuben and _____ (Swartz) Graber, Geneva, Ind and Edna, daughter of Nathaniel A. and Lizzie (Whetstone) Miller, LaGrange, December 4

Daniel Jay, son of Albert and Lydia Mae (Lambright) Miller LaGrange and Inez, daughter of Levi L. and Susan (Frye) Yoder Shipshewana, December 4

Harley, son of Fred Schlabach, Arthur, Illinois and Marietta, daughter of Amos W. and Wilma (Miller) Bontrager, Wolcottville, Indiana, December 16

Ezra, son of Nathaniel A. and Lizzie (Whetstone) Miller and Mary Schrock, daughter of Mrs. Tobe L. Yoder, LaGrange R4, December 18

Widower Sam R. Bontrager, Wolcottville and Widow Miriam Barkman, December 23

Cristy, son of Crist C. and Wilma (Christner) Hochstetler Topeka R2 and Leanna, daughter of Mrs. Dan (Clara) Miller, December 25

Ivan, son of Harry and Polly (Miller) Bontrager, Topeka R2 and Arlene, daughter of Lester and Ella (Miller) Byler, LaGrange R1, December 25

Daviess County, Indiana

Joel Jr., son of Joel and Fannie Stoll and Carolyn, daughter of Abraham and Viola Knepp by Joe L. Graber, November 27

Paul, son of Bishop Joe and Martha Graber and Katherine, daughter of Pre. Levi and Katie Wagler by The groom's father, John Joe L. Graber, December 11

West Barrens Church District in 1969

Eli, son of Harvey E. and Lizzie (Lapp) Miller, Bremen, Ind. and Edith, daughter of Noah E. and Mary (Schwartz) Schwartz by Jerry Schlabach at Middlebury, Ind., April 17

Ray J., son of Joe J. and Nora (Miller) Wingard, Shipshewane and Dora N. Miller, daughter of Jonas N. and Susie (Miller) Miller by Melvin H. Miller at Middlebury, May 14

Mose A., son of Abe A. and Sarah (Kauffman) Yoder, Topeka and Margaret, daughter of

Noah E. and Mary (Schwartz) Schwartz

Noah B., son of Benedict and Sarah (Miller) Byler, Mercer Co. Pa. and Caroline, daughter of Noah E. and Mary (Schwartz) Schwartz, double wedding on August 28 by Abe A. Yoder

Alvin S., son of Sam J. and Anna (Bontrager) Schrock, Middlebury and Ruby H., daughter of Henry C. and Susan (Knepp) Yoder by Henry N. Miller, November 20

Middle Barrens Church District in 1969

Levi W., son of Bishop William J. and Lydia (Yoder) Bontrager, Centreville, Mich. and Mary Esther, daughter of Leo and Anna Wingard) Yoder by William J. Bontrager, April 24

Levi C., son of Bishop Crist A. and Susie (Yoder) Troyer, Topeka and Viola, daughter of Enos E. and Katie (Wingard) Miller by Crist A. Troyer, June 19 at Middlebury, Indiana

Joni B. Miller District

Ezra A. Borkholder, son of the late Andrew Borkholder and Mrs. Eli (Mary) Gingerich and Elsie, daughter of Ed and Lizzie (Eash) Mast by Henry N. Miller, Nov. 6 at Topeka

Eli Lehman District

Samuel, son of Freeman and Mary Alice (Miller) Yoder, Shipshewana and Esther, daughter of John A. and Emma (Barkman) Yoder by Henry Miller, November 27

LANCASTER COUNTY MARRIAGES

September 23, 1969

Omar, son of Enos S. and Sadie (Riehl) Petersheim, Christiana R1 and Sylvia, daughter of Sarah (Esh) and the late David K. King, Ronks R1 by Amos E. King

October 21

Benuel S., son of Mary S. (Stoltzfus) and the late John K. Stoltzfus, Elverson R2 and Priscilla S., daughter of Henry U. and Mary B. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Elverson R2 by John N. Mast, Hutchinson, Kansas

October 28

Daniel S., son of Levi F. and Annie (Smucker) Esh, Quarryville R3 and Rebecca F. daughter of Levi B. and Sarah (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Quarryville R3 by Melvin H. Miller of Middlebury, Indiana

Jonas F., son of Ammon B. and Malinda (Fisher) Stoltzfoos, Leola R1 and Susie S. daughter of Gideon S. and Sylvia S. (Stoltzfus) Zook, Leola R1 by Christian M. Fisher

Gideon D., son of Emanuel B. and Leah (Dienner) Zook, Gap R1 and Mary Ann, daughter of Jonathan B. and Mary (Esh) Fisher, Coatesville R2 by John E. Smucker

Moses B., son of Stephen S. and Katie (Glick) Fisher, Kinzers R1 and Katie B. daughter of Levi L. and Sarah B. (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Leola R1 by John S. Glick

October 30

John D., son of Christ and Barbara (Dienner) Lapp Ronks R1 and Malinda, daughter of John K. and Annie (Smucker) Lapp, Kinzers R1 by John E. Smucker

Jesse S., son of Eli L. and Katie L. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Lancaster R4 and Sylvia, daughter of Jonas S. and Katie (King) Lapp Ronks R1 by Melvin Miller, Middlebury, Ind.

Aquilla S., son of Aaron and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Lantz Strasburg R1 and Sylvia B., daughter of Daniel K. and Anna (Beiler) King, Lancaster by Christian M. Fisher

Mark S., son of Lydia F. and the late Daniel B. Stoltzfus, Elverson R2 and Priscilla S. daughter of Stephen S. and Malinda (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Honey Brook by Amos E. King

Jacob E., son of Samuel S. and Sarah (Esh) Kauffman, Christiana R1 and Fannie M. daughter of Amos K. and Lydia M. (Miller) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1 by Samuel S. Kauffman

November 4

Ezra E., son of Levi E. and Rachel (Esh) Beiler, Kirkwood R1 and Martha L. daughter of David K. and Emma (Lapp) Fisher, Christiana R1 by David L. Riehl

Daniel S., son of Leah (Smucker) and the late Amos Esh, Gordonville R1 and Annie H. daughter of Annie (Hertzler) and the late Andrew Beiler, Bird-in-Hand by Jonas S. Lapp

Christ S., son of Jacob S. and Sadie B. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Christiana R1 and Priscilla P., daughter of Amos S. and Ruth (Petersheim) Lapp, Bird-in-Hand by Amos S. Lapp

Aaron L., son of Menno R. and Emma B. (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Quarryville R3 and Betsie Jane, daughter of Elam H. and Katie L. (Beiler) Beiler, Paradise R1 by Sam F. Stoltzfus

Jonathan F., son of Samuel B. and Lydia (Fisher) King, Ronks R1 and Katie B., daughter of Elias F. and Savilla B. (Blank) Stoltzfus, New Holland R2 by Daniel E. Stoltzfus

Eli K., son of Jacob L. and Mary (King) Lapp, Ronks R1 and Katie S., daughter of Amos M. and Katie Z. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Leola R1 by Enos M. Beiler

Amos L., son of Isaac S. and Fannie F. (Lapp) Fisher, Gordonville R1 and Sarah L., daughter of Amos M. and Leah B. (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Elverson R2 by Amos E. King

November 6

Amos M., son of Jacob E. and Barbara Z. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Ronks R1 and Katie S., daughter of John M. and Sadie L. (Stoltzfus) Smucker, Gap R1 by Gideon M. Stoltzfus

Aaron S., son of Isaac Z. and Sadie R. (Stoltzfus) Lapp, Gordonville R1 and Sarah D., daughter of Christ B. and Barbara (Dienner) Lapp R1 by John E. Smoker

Abner L., son of Menno R. and Emma B. (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1 and Annie S., daughter of Henry S. and Sadie E. (Smucker) Fisher, Paradise R1 by Samuel S. Kauffman

Moses K., son of David M. and Saloma (King) Lapp, Myerstown R1, Lebanon Co. Pa. and Katie S. daughter of Leroy K. and Leah (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Ronks R1 by Isaac H. Zook

Melvin K., son of Emanuel H. and Elizabeth (King) Esh, Ronks R1 and Naomi L., daughter of John S. and Annie (Lapp) Miller, Bird-in-Hand R1 by Levi E. Stoltzfus

Daniel F., son of Benjamin K. and Anna Mary (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1 and Sarah S., daughter of Daniel and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Miller, Bird-in-Hand R1 by Jonas S. Lapp

Simeon D., son of John F. and Susan (Fisher) Esh, Littlestown, Pa. and Mary S., daughter of Benjamin F. and Naomi (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Quarryville R3 by Joel K. Zook

Aaron E., son of John J. and Barbara S. (Beiler) Lapp, New Holland R1 and Lizzie P., daughter of Jacob K. and Katie B. (Fisher) Blank, Kinzers R1

Benuel S., son of Henry U. and Mattie (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Strasburg R1 and Fannie F., daughter of Jacob K. and Katie B. (Fisher) Blank, Kinzers R1 by David K. Blank

November 11

Aaron E., son of the late Aaron and Rachel (Lapp) Allgyer, Ronks R1 and Malinda Mae, daughter of Abram S. and Esther (Fisher) King, Gordonville R1 by John E. Smoker

Isaac M., son of Elam G. and Rebecca Z. (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Myerstown, Lebanon Co. Pa. and Annie K., daughter of Christ S. and Susie (King) Stoltzfus, Ronks by Amos E. King

Levi Z., son of Samuel E. and Katie S. (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Ronks R1 and Lydia P., daughter of Abner and Lizzie R. (Petersheim) Fisher, Bart by John S. Glick

Jonas M., son of Amos M. and the late Rebecca L. (Lapp) Beiler, Strasburg R1 and Rebecca S., daughter of Samuel U. and Fannie K. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Kirkwood by Levi E. Stoltzfus

Jonathan Z., son of Joseph B. and Lydia (Zook) King, Lancaster R4 and Fannie Ruth, daughter of Benjamin F. and Annie B. (Fisher) Beiler, Paradise R1 by John M. Beiler
 David, son of Noah and Mary (Riehl) Zook, New Holland R2 and Sadie, daughter of Samuel L. and Fannie (Blank) Stoltzfus, Christiana R1 by David K. Blank
 Elam G., son of Samuel M. and Sylvia (Glick) Esh, Ronks R1 and Anna S., daughter of John S. and Mary (Smucker) King, Gordonville R1 by Jonathan F. King
 Jonathan B., son of Christ K. and Katie (Byler) King, Kinzers R1 and Rachel S., daughter of David S. and Sarah S. (Stoltzfus) Riehl, Kirkwood R1 by Jacob E. Byler, Belleville, Pa.

November 13

David K., son of John Z. and Sarah K. (King) Lapp, Gordonville R1 and Sadie Mae, daughter of Samuel K. and Annie B. (Stoltzfoos) Zook, Paradise R1 by Joel K. Zook
 Daniel B., son of Levi S. and Sylvia (Bawell) Stoltzfoos, Leola R1 and Fannie E., daughter of Benjamin M. and Lizzie (Esh) Kauffman, Bird-in-Hand R1 by Jacob M. Stoltzfus
 Elmer L., son of Roy A. and Lizzie K. (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Leola R1 and Rachel B., daughter of Eli P. and Arie S. (Beiler) Miller, Bird-in-Hand
 Elam M., son of Eli and Sadie (Stoltzfoos) Ebersol, Leola R1 and Emma, daughter of Eli P. and Arie (Beiler) Miller, Bird-in-Hand by Obed A. Diener, Arthur, Illinois
 Christian L., son of Ben and Fannie (Lapp) Petersheim, Lancaster R4 and Sarah, daughter of Jacob A. and Rachel (Stoltzfus) King, Strasburg R1 by Christian M. Fisher
 David S., son of Sarah (Stoltzfus) and the late Amos B. Smucker, Narvon R1 and Emma L., daughter of Samuel P. and Rachel B. (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1 by John E. Smoker
 Stephen S., son of Amos M. and Katie Z. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Leola R1 and Malinda S. daughter of Samuel J. and Susie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1 by John S. Glick
 Elam E., son of Levi E. and Rachel (Esh) Beiler, Kirkwood R1 and Rebecca B., daughter of Isaac B. and Savilla (Beiler) King, Christiana R1 by David L. Riehl
 John F., son of Jacob M. and Elizabeth K. (Fisher) Riehl, Strasburg R1 and Lydia P. daughter of B. John and Lydia L. (Petersheim) Stoltzfus, Gap R1 by John F. Glick
 Samuel F., son of Christ K. and Emma (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Kinzers R1 and Lydia F. daughter of David G. and Elizabeth (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Kinzers R1 by John F. Glick

November 18

Elam, son of John E. and Rachel (Kauffman) Fisher, Quarryville R3 and Mary, daughter of David K. and Malinda (Stoltzfus) Blank, Lancaster RD by Enos Fisher, Middlefield, Ohio
 Elam M., son of David G. and Elizabeth (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Kinzers R1 and Lydia Ann, daughter of Stephen S. and Mary (Glick) Stoltzfus, Gap, R1 by Gideon M. Stoltzfus
 Samuel E., son of Jonathan Z. and Barbara (Esh) Beiler, Strasburg R1 and Mary B. daughter of Leroy S. and Elizabeth (Beiler) Smucker, New Holland R1 by Obed Diener, Arthur, Illinois
 Samuel I., son of Sylvan F. and Mima Z. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1 and Sylvia R. daughter of Gideon B. and Annie (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1 by John S. Glick
 Abram K., son of Gideon L. and Mary (King) Fisher, Ronks R1 and Lydia B., daughter of Jacob S. and Barbara L. (Beiler) Zook, Christiana R1 by Amos E. King
 Amos B., son of Isaac B. and Savilla (Beiler) King, Christiana R1 and Katie S. daughter Ephraim S. and Sarah L. (Stoltzfus) Esh, Leola R1 by Aaron S. Esh

November 20

Samuel K., son of Stephen E. and Rebecca K. (King) Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1 and Rachel F., daughter of Daniel E. and Mary L. (Lapp) King, New Holland R2 by Dan E. Stoltzfus
 John F., son of Isaac L. and Lavina (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Gettysburg, Pa. and Sylvia K., daughter of Jonas S. and Mary (King) Beiler, Ronks R1 by John M. Beiler
 Samuel U., son of David J. and Sara E. (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Bird-in-Hand R1 and Sarah S., daughter of John E. and Rachel E. (Stoltzfus) Smoker, Ronks R1 by Gideon M. Stoltzfus
 Amos, son of Aaron Y. and Lena (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Bird-in-Hand R1 and Sallie, daughter of Sarah (Stoltzfus) and the late Amos B. Smucker, Narvon R1 by Aaron Y. Beiler
 Eli S., son of David S. and Bena Z. (Stoltzfus) Glick, Leola R1 and Annie K., daughter of John P. and Sarah S. (King) Esh, Bird-in-Hand R1 by Obed A. Diener, Arthur, Illinois
 John A., son of Abram S. and Salome E. (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Gordonville R1 and Mary S. daughter of Henry K. and Sarah L. (Stoltzfus) Blank, Kinzers R1 by

November 25

Samuel B., son of Amos M. and Lydia (Petersheim) Lapp, Kinzers R1 and Sarah B., daughter of Phares E. and Mary E. (Beiler) Beiler, Ronks R1 by John F. Glick
 Daniel, son of Elam F. and Malinda K. (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Leola R1 and Rachel, daughter of John B. and Lydia E. (Smoker) Stoltzfus, Ronks R1 by John E. Smoker
 Christian Z., son of Levi Z. and Mary (Miller) Fisher, Kirkwood R1 and Annie S. daughter of Joseph E. and Susie (Smucker) Glick, Bird-in-Hand R1 by Christian M. Fisher
 Christian K., son of John L. and Rachel (King) Stoltzfus, Leola R1 and Katie S. daughter of Jonas S. and Malinda (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1 by Jacob M. Stoltzfus
 Isaac B. son of Joel K. and Mary K. (King) Zook Quarryville R3 and Lydia S. daughter of Amos L. and Sarah E. (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Paradise R1 by D. Ira Stoltzfus

November 27

Daniel K., son of Amos E. and Rachel (King) Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1 and Hannah R., daughter of Amos M. and Lydia (Petersheim) Lapp, Kinzers R1 by Levi E. Stoltzfus
 John K., son of Henry P. and Malinda (Kauffman) Esh, Ronks R1 and Annie, daughter of John A. and Annie (Stoltzfus) Kauffman, Gordonville R1 by Samuel S. Kauffman

Joseph B., son of John S. and Annie K. (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Christiana R1 and Mary R., daughter of John S. and Mary L. (Riehl) Beiler, Ronks R1 by Aaron Y. Beiler

December 2

Benjamin A., son of Andrew and Mattie (Lapp) Kinsinger, Gordonville R1 and Emma L., daughter of Gideon L. and Rebecca (Lapp) Riehl, Kinzers R1 by Jonas S. Lapp

Benuel L., son of the late Christ U. and Emma (Lapp) Petersheim, Gordonville R1 and Rebecca E., daughter of Ephraim D. and Rebecca S. (Esh) Riehl, Leola R1 by Aaron S. Esh

Levi P., son of John A. and Annie (Stoltzfus) Kauffman, Gordonville R1 and Fannie K., daughter of John L. and Rachel (King) Stoltzfus, Leola R1 by Daniel E. Stoltzfus

December 4

Jacob F., son of Samuel F. and Barbara (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Gap R1 and Lovina F., daughter of Christ K. and Emma (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Kinzers R1 by Samuel F. Stoltzfus

Ephraim E., son of Elam S. and Arie (Esh) Riehl, Gap R1 and Malinda K., daughter of Stephen E. and Rebecca (King) Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1 by Daniel E. Stoltzfus

Isaac K., son of Samuel M. and Annie S. (King) Fisher, Bird-in-Hand R1 and Rebecca S., daughter of Joseph F. and Sadie S. (Smucker) Beiler, Gordonville R1 by Enos M. Beiler

December 9

Aaron S., son of Ephraim S. and Sarah L. (Stoltzfus) Esh, Leola R1 and Lizzie S., daughter of Samuel M. and Katie K. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Christiana R1 by Dan E. Stoltzfus

Kore Stoltzfus (Widower) Ronks R1 and Annie Lapp (Widow) Intercourse by John E. Smoker

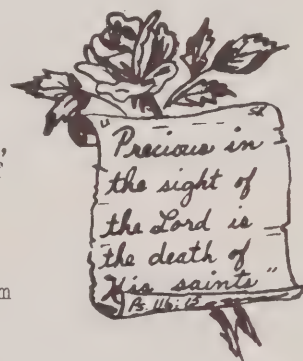
December 11

Ephraim E. son of Menno S. and Lizzie (Esh) Beiler, Christiana R1 and Lydia S., daughter of Enos M. and Lizzie Z. (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Bird-in-Hand R1 by Aaron S. Esh

OBITUARIES

Beiler, Josiah M., 73, of Hatville Road, Gordonville R1, Pennsylvania died Friday, December 5 in Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital.

Born in Leacock Township, a son of the late Menno and Nancy Beiler Beiler, his wife was the late Lizzie Smoker Beiler. His five sons and one daughter are Levi M., Christiana R1, Jacob K., and Aaron P., Gap. David K., Lancaster, Alvin S., New Holland, and Miriam, wife of Dan Lapp, Gordonville R1. There are 24 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, also these sisters and brothers, Lydia, wife of Daniel Beiler, Quarryville R3, Mrs. Malinda Lapp, Gordonville R1, Mary, wife of Daniel Beiler of Georgia, John Z, Morgantown, and Simeon B. of Intercourse. Funeral services were held from the Abram Beiler Residence, Gordonville R1, Dec. 8, burial in Myers Cemetery



Fisher, Mrs. Katie L., aged 98 yr. 1 mo. and 12 days, Ronks R1, Pa.

died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Isaac Kauffman, Ronks R1

Friday, December 19, after a lengthy illness. She leaves 339 direct descendants. Born in Leacock Township, a daughter of the late Gideon and Sarah Lapp (she lived to be 102) she was the widow of Ben H. Fisher. Her children are Amos H., Ronks R1; Fannie, wife of Elias Beiler, Gordonville R1; Gideon B., Myerstown R2; Henry B., and Benjamin T., both of Gordonville R1; Samuel E., Gap R1; Phares N., Ronks R1; Ammon E., Myerstown R2; and Emma, wife of Isaac Kauffman, Ronks R1. There are 84 grandchildren, 245 great grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild, 1 brother, Samuel L. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1 and 1 sister, Mrs. Sally Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1. Funeral services were held from the Phares Fisher home on Dec. 22 by Amos G. Esh and Christ M. Fisher, hymn by Sylvan Stoltzfus, burial at Ronks.

Girod, Simon, 13, Stevensville R1, Pennsylvania

A son of Ernest and Fannie Swartz Girod, he died in a hospital near his home on Sat., December 13. The Girod family had lived at Gordonville R1 until one year ago. His brothers and sisters are Daniel, Emma, Samuel, Emanuel, Esther, Barbara, Ernest, Benjamin, Mahlon, Ruth and Elizabeth, all at home.

Lapp, John F., aged 71 yr., 3 mo. and 2 days, Ronks R1, Pennsylvania

died unexpectedly at the home of his son, Amos L., Ronks R1 early Sunday morning, December 7. His wife, Mary F. Lapp died in October, 1968. He was born in Leacock Twp. the son of the late Christ and Rebecca Fisher Lapp and was a retired farmer. His children are Lydia, wife of Elam A. Beiler, Strasburg R1; Christ B., Amos L. and Jacob L., all of Ronks R1 and Daniel of National City, California. There are 27 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and 1 sister, Rachel, wife of Christ M. Lapp, New Holland R2. Funeral services were held from the Amos L. Lapp residence Ronks R1 on Dec. 9 by John M. Beiler and Stephen Fisher, burial in Gordonville Cemetery.

Gingerich, Mrs. Barbara Miller, aged 80 years of Millersburg, Star Route, Ohio

died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sam B. Yoder, Friday night, December 19. She was a daughter of Simon L. and Mattie Lantz Miller of LaGrange, Indiana and married to Noah Gingerich who died October 9, 1963. She is survived by 3 sons, Ervin and Alvin of Millersburg, Star Route and Mose of Millersburg, 4 daughters, Mrs. Melvin (Edna) Beachy of Ind., Mrs. Sam (Mary) Yoder of Millersburg, Mrs. Yost (Fannie) Miller, Millersburg, Mrs. Ervin (Emma) Miller of Walnut Creek, 33 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, 2 sisters and 2 brothers. Services held by Bishop Levi J. Hostetler at the home place.

- Miller, Crist M., aged 78 yr., 11 mo. and 8 days, Topeka R1, Indiana
 was born in Holmes Co., Ohio on Jan. 5, 1891, died at his home Dec 14. He was married Oct. 21, 1914 to Sarah Schrock who died Oct. 24, 1967. His children are Elmer, Topeka; Ralph, Milford; Ben, Middlebury; Crist Jr., Wawaka; Mary, wife of Nathaniel N. Miller, Topeka R2; Mrs. Manas Miller, Shipshewana; and Ida, wife of Calvin Lambright, Topeka R1 where he had his home. His two brothers are Samuel, Sugarcreek, Ohio and Eli, Hicksville, Ohio. The are 19 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.
- Miller, Mrs. Susan, aged 81 yrs., 11 mo. and 28 days, Millersburg, Ohio
 died Saturday, Dec. 6 at her home. She was born Dec. 8, 1887 in Holmes Co. to Chris and Mattie Lehman Schrock and was buried on her birthday. She married Ammon J. Miller who died June 1, 1925. Her 3 sons and 4 daughters are Melvin, Sugarcreek; Abe, Berlin; Clarence, Millersburg R5; Mrs. John B. (Mattie) Yoder, Berlin; Mrs. Eli A. (Anna) Mast, Sugarcreek R2; Mrs. Albert B. (Amanda) Mast, Millersburg R4 and Mrs. Roman (Sarah) Raber, of the home. There are 1 sister, Mrs. Mose Yoder, Wilnot; 1 step-sister, Mrs. Dan A. Mast, Mt. Eaton; 2 step-brothers, Eli A. and Alvin A. Miller of Plain City, Ohio, 27 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren. Two sons, a sister and two brothers died previously. Services by Roy Schlabach.
- Peachey, Stillborn daughter of David S. and Mary (Peachey) Peachey, Allensville, Penna.
 on December 9. There are 2 sisters, Annie and Julia at home, another stillborn sister preceeded her in death. Grandparenta are Pre. Daniel M. Peachey and Jacob J. Peachey.
- Schrock, Ira, son of Edward and Rosa (Kemp) Schrock, aged 5 yrs., 1 mo. and 7 days, Arthur, Ill.
 died Nov. 20 after being sick only 4 days. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Cris Kemp, Ind.
- Smoker, Bishop John E., aged 54 yrs., 4 mo. and 3 days, Ronks R1, Pennsylvania
 husband of Rachel (Stoltzfus, died unexpectedly Dec. 22 following a minor operation on a torn ligament in his shoulder at the Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital. He was born in Leacock Twp. a son of the late Elias and Barbara Esh Smoker. His children are Melinda, wife of Alvin Z. Beiler, Ronks R1; Barbara, wife of Samuel J. Stoltzfus, Narvon R2; Samuel S, Ronks R1; John S., Christiana R1; Sarah, wife of Samuel U. Beiler, Bird-in-Hand and Omar at home. There are 16 grandchildren and the following brothers and sisters: Elam L., Bird-in-Hand R1; Mrs. Barbara Stoltzfus, Ronks, R1; Annie, wife of Amos Esh; Rachel, wife of David E. King; Isaac E., and Jonas E., all of Gordonville R1; Sadie, wife of John M. Beiler and Lydia, wife of John B. Stoltzfus, Both of Ronks R1. Funeral services were held on Dec. 24 by Bishop Daniel E. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1 and Bishop Jacob M. Stoltzfus, Centre County; Pallbearers were four bishops: Amos L. Beiler, Amos E. King, Joel Zook and John F. Glick; Burial at Gordonville Cemetery.
- Smucker, Infant son of Paul and Rachel (Beiler) Smucker, 2008 Horseshoe Road, Lancaster, Pa.
 died Thursday, December 4 at the Lancaster General Hospital
- Stoltzfus, Levi, son of Benjamin S. and Naomi (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Leola R1, Pennsylvania
 died shortly after birth Sunday, December 21 in the Lancaster General Hospital. Eight brothers and sisters are John, Eli, Priscilla, Annie, Samuel, Benjamin, Lavina and Sadie, all at home. Grandparents are John L. and Annie Stoltzfus, Leola R1 and Eli B. and Lavina Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1. Funeral services held by Christian S. Esh, hymns by Daniel Z. Stoltzfus and Aaron Esh, burial in Myers Cemetery
- Stoltzfus, David Z., 24, Myerstown, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania
 died Wednesday, December 17 in Good Samaritan Hospital, Lebanon, of injuries received in a buggy-car accident on November 25. He was a son of Jacob B. and Salome (Zook) Stoltzfus. His 7 sisters and 1 brother are Mary Stoltzfus, Elverson R2; Bena, wife of John Lantz, Myerstown R2; Rachel, wife of Jacob B. Smoker, Myerstown R1, and Nancy, Barbara, Rebecca, Sarah and Benjamin all at home. His grandmother is Mrs. Benjamin Stoltzfus, Christiana. Funeral services were held by John Stoltzfus, Lancaster Co. and David Smoker, Lebanon County; burial in Lebanon Cemetery.
- Stoltzfus, John E., 20 months, Elverson R2, Pennsylvania
 a son of Daniel M. and Rebecca K. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus he died at his home Dec. 28. There are 2 sisters, Mary and Priscilla, at home, grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John E. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1 and Mrs. Mary S. Stoltzfus, Elverson R2; Great-grandmother is Ariana K. Stoltzfus, Kirkwood. Burial was in Mast Cemetery.
- Stoltzfus, Salome, aged 85 yr. 8 mo. and 29 days, Gordonville R1, Pennsylvania
 wife of Samuel L. Stoltzfus she died at her home Wednesday, Dec. 10, after a lengthy illness. Born in East Lampeter Twp. a daughter of the late Joel and Elizabeth Stoltzfus Fisher she is survived by the following children: Sadie, wife of Amos E. King, Ronks R1; Miss Elizabeth, at home; Mamie, wife of Christ L. Kauffman, Paradise R1, Sylvan and Gideon B., both of Gordonville R1. There are 34 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. She was the last of her immediate family. Funeral services were held by John K. Lapp and Elam B. Stoltzfoos, hymn read by Amos M. Stoltzfus, burial in Gordonville Cemetery.

Wagler, Mr. Katie, 57, Loogootee R2, Indiana

died December 1 at Daviess County Hospital. She was born October 19, 1912 in Daviess County, a daughter of the late Henry and Ida (Graber) Wagler. Her husband, Henry S. Wagler, whom she married December 22, 1932 is living. Her 4 son and 4 daughters are Melvin and Herman, both of Loogootee R2; Darrell and Ernest, both at home; Mrs. John Henry (Ida Mae) Kemp and Mrs. Lloyd (Sylvia) Graber, both of Loogootee R2; Mrs. Glen (Verda) Lengacher and Mrs. Eugene (Mary Catherine) Stoll, both of Montgomery R1. There are 23 grandchildren and 3 brothers, Joseph H. Wagler, Googootee R2; William H. Wagler and John Henry Wagler and 2 sisters, Mrs. Ben S. (Susie) Wagler and Mrs. Delmar (Rachel) Stoll, all of Montgomery R1. One son preceeded her in death. Funeral was held Dec. 3 by Bishops Fred W. Knepp and William Graber, burial in the Stoll Cemetery

Yoder, Lizzie (Mast), aged 62, Holmes County, Ohio

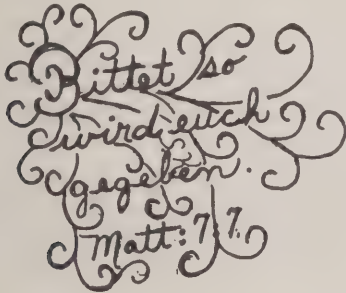
died December 5 at her home from complications. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Dan J.J. Schlabach and Mrs. Levi J. D. Miller, both of Fredericksburg R2, three sons, Eli J., Fredericksburg R2, Roman J., Applecreek R2 and Abe J. Yoder at home; two sisters Mrs. David K. Troyer, Fredericksburg R2 and Mrs. Eli A. Raber, Millersburg R5, six brothers, Levi S. Mast, Fredericksburg R2, Henry S. Mast, Dover, Delaware, Samuel, Conewango, New York, Andrew, South Fairbank, Iowa, Daniel, Benton, Ohio and Eli S. Dundee and 20 grandchildren. Services were held Dec. 8 by Bishop Henry Miller.

Yoder, Sam C., 75, Middlebury, Indiana

died December 13 at home. He was born January 14, 1894 and was married March 7 1916 to Sylvia Hostetler, who survives. His children are David and Owen, both of Middlebury, Elmer of Clark, Mo.; Mrs. Harry Miller of Sugarcreek, Ohio; Edna, wife of Menno C. Miller of Fortuna, Mo.; Alice, at home. He also leaves 2 sisters, Edna, wife of Amos S. Miller of Topeka R2 and Mrs. John Bontrager of Sarasota, Florida and 1 brother, Levi of Shippshana, 63 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Zook, Eli H., aged 70, Wilmot, Ohio

died Tuesday, December 9 from a heart ailment. He was never married. He is the son of Henry Zook. His 3 sisters and 3 brothers are Mrs. Dan D. Yoder, Charm, Ohio; Mrs. Dan Garber, Dundee, Ohio, Miss Fanny Zook, at home, Dan, Sarasota, Florida, John at home and Levi of Wilmot, Star Route, Ohio



Report of Annual Steering Committee meeting held in October

The Annual Old Order Amish Steering Committee Meeting was held at the home of Andrew Mast, Topeka, Indiana the 4th Wednesday in October. It was an all day meeting with Committee Directors and Church leaders present from most districts and states where there are Old Order Amish located. Main topic was draft and 1-W and it was explained that to the best of our knowledge, no sincere boy that appealed through the Steering Committee was forced against his will to leave the farm in the past year. Further, a plan was explained by the Chairman where Old Order Amish boys with convictions against going to the city or Hospital to serve his two years, if appealed to the O.O.A. Steering Committee, Gordonville, Pennsylvania 17529, will either be deferred or given the privilege to serve his two years on an Old Order Amish Church farm with the same credit as at a hospital. The Church farm will have to be approved by the Steering Committee. The boy should be a church member or willing to become a member by first opportunity and should not be working in a factory prior to being drafted. It was explained that honestly, no Old Order Amish boy would need leave the Amish Community if religiously opposed to do so and a reasonable amount of faith or sincerely is shown by the boy or the community as a whole. Above plan was fully approved by Washington D.C. prior to the meeting and fully approved by the church leaders at the close of the meeting. The 1970 annual meeting is to be held at Dover, Delaware.

Lancaster County, Pa. Sledding Accident

On Tuesday, December 16, Daniel, 13, son of Jacob M. and Katie Lapp hit a post while sledding and suffered a ruptured spleen. He had surgery to remove the spleen, and they gave him three pints of blood.

December derives its name from the Latin word (Decem), as this was formerly the tenth month of the Old Roman Year.

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada by LeRoy Eicher

December left like a lion. On the 31st we had about 12 inches of snow with a howling wind. Jan. came in more gentle, a quiet morning and no wind. The temperature was 10 above.

Johnson County, Iowa by Eli S. Bontrager

We had a wet 9 inch snow over the weekend of Dec. 7th and many light snows since. But to the end of the month it was not colder than 7 above.

Buchanan County, Iowa by Joe A. Yoder

Our first big snow came on Dec. 7 and the official report for the month is 18 inches. Several mornings were zero and below but in general a nice winter month.

Arthur, Illinois

November weather in general was damp. The first few days we had about 2 inches rain. The 13th we had our first snow flurries and the temperature dropped to 16 above. The 20th we had about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch snow and about 3 inches rain so some corn husking was delayed because of soft fields.

Daviess County, Indiana by Lester Marner

Temperatures have been ranging in the mid-twenties during the day and as low as 8 during the night. We had a white Christmas with 6 to 8 inches of snow.

Holmes County, Ohio by David E. Miller

We are having our first snow which measured 5 inches or more with temperatures around 10 above. Farmers are busy butchering and there is still some fodder to shred. Quite a few people are leaving for Florida to stay for the winter.

St. Mary's County, Maryland by Amos R. Stoltzfus

In December we had very little real cold weather. Twelve above was the lowest degree recorded here. We had quite a bit of rain and not much snow.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania by Abe S. Kinsinger

Snow and more snow with around 16 inches lying. The roads were closed the 27th and 28th. We had no mail service from Dec. 24th to 29th. The ground is not frozen underneath the snow which makes it hard for farmers to haul manure. A freezing rain the 29th put a glare on snow and trees. The Old Year went out with a howling wind.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania by Catherine Swarey

December came in very blustery with approximately 1 inch of rain and 25 to 26 inches of snow. We had a big snow the day after Christmas which was followed by wind which blew the soft snow here and there. The roads were all closed till Sunday. No church services were held except by the Amish who had small groups. The ground has been covered with snow since December 13. The lowest temperature was 6 below zero.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania by David Renno

The weather during December was on the cold and wet side. Snowfall for the month was 34 inches. Total precipitation for the month was 6.46 inches. Total for the year was 37.68 which leaves a deficiency of .27 inches for the year. We had 2 deep snows in December, one the day after Christmas. The coldest day was on Christmas morning when it was 16 below. The buggy wheels squealed on the frozen snow as folks went visiting on Christmas day. On Sunday the 28th the rural roads were all closed, only people with bob sleds could come to church and only a very few came.

1969 has been a good year to us. Crops were all good to excellent and the churches grew in size. In 1969 we had 12 births, 11 people were baptized, only one death, 7 members were married of which 4 pair young marrieds will live here and 2 large families moved here from other areas.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

by Eli S. King

Very nice winter weather for December with some nice days the first week. We had some rain and snow the second week. The 14th it snowed about 6 or 7 inches and it was cold the rest of the month with temperatures around zero on Christmas morning. It started to snow the afternoon of Christmas Day and snowed all that night. Early the next morning it turned to rain and sleet. High winds closed almost all the roads for a few days. Total snowfall was 25 inches, rainfall 3.7 inches.

by Aaron F. Stoltzfus

We have lots of snow. Farmers are shoveling snow to get their milk out to main roads, taking care of livestock and getting tobacco ready for market in between.

by Levi L. Stoltzfus

The rainfall for Bareville area was 1.5 inches and the snowfall for December was 25".

DECEMBER + 1969

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
•	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	•	•	•

The New Year came in with excellent sledding in the fields. Fat hogs top market, 30.25 cwt.; Fat Steers brought 29.50 cwt.; Feeders bring 26. to 33.50 cwt.; Hay brings \$28. to \$53.00 a ton; Straw, 41.50; cob chop, 46.00 a ton; potatoes from 2.20 to 3.00 cwt.; Eggs, extra large, .65, large, .64, medium, .60; pullets, .51 and pee wee, .36; Tobacco price is .20 and .33, pull off, .30 a lb.; Dairy cows bring 460.00 to 760.00 a head; Fat Vealers, \$53.00 cwt.

In the area north of Route 23 west of New Holland, the snow of Christmas night blew and drifted all day, Saturday December 27, north and south roads were reopened Sun. Dec. 27.

Centre County, Pennsylvania

We had about 14 inches of snow the last two weeks of December, on Christmas morning we had 12 below zero.

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

It started snowing Christmas (Thursday) afternoon and snowed till the next day about noon, the main roads were open pretty good till Friday evening but it got windy and Sat. morning the roads had more snow then the day before. Till Saturday evening they were open again with banks along the road, but it was still windy and by Sunday morning the roads were heaped with snow. Only ten people got to church. By evening the main roads were open again, only one way with lots of snow piles higher than cars. On Tuesday and Wednesday morning it was very icy. Thursday (New Year's Day) we had church because we had no church on Sunday.

Arthur, Illinois by Menno A. Diener

December 6, continueing mild weather with $\frac{3}{4}$ inches of rain. On the 11th the temperature was about freezing with snow about like heavy frost. On the 18th the temperature dropped to 16 above. There was a sprinkle of snow with warnings up again untill Sunday 21. In the afternoon the temperature dropped and it was snowing, roads were getting slicker. December 23rd, about 3 inches of snow and blowing; temperature the morning of 24th, 5 above, sun shining and nice day; 26th, temperature, 8 above; 27th, fair; 28th, cloudy and foggy. The night of the 29th we had about 4 inches of snow with some wind but not much drifting, temperature 32 and sun shining.

Johnson County, Iowa

We have several ailing widows in our community and there are 8 woman 80 years old and older. The five men who are 80 and older are Mahlon Gingerich, Bishop William S. Yoder, Preacher Benedict Gingerich, Preacher Benedict Yoder and Preacher Chris B. Miller.

EDITORIAL

The crop and weather report page of THE DIARY has received much recognition by our readers. It has been admired by many and some have said it is the best item in THE DIARY. However it may be, we will pass it on to the reporters, and add that they have done a fine job in 1969. While we believe this page is essential to THE DIARY we wish to extend due credit to the reporters, and encourage their work. Here are some points we think will help to make them informative.

1. Add the amount of rainfall or snow to each month and the total at the end of the year. The excess or deficiency over average is good. This can be obtained at most county seats for the asking.

2. Add some prices of farm products sometimes.

3. Also add some information of means of harvesting crops or practices involved in harvesting, tilling and cultivating (in season) or other incidents connected with the weather and crops.

Please have your reports in by the 3rd of each month even if the month is incomplete.

Send them to: Miss Sara E. Fisher, Box 44, Soudersburg, Pennsylvania 17577

Notice!! Any person introducing a new community with a crop and weather report will receive 1 year subscription free.

MIGRATIONS OF 1969

Eli Beiler moved from Bird-in-Hand Pa. to Centre Hall, Pa., (March 20

Henry Beiler moved from Kinzers R1 to Madisonburg, Pa. in Centre County, March 12

Amos M. Bontrager moved from Clark, Missouri to Wilton, Wisconsin, November 24

Ben C. Bontrager moved from Clark, Missouri to Wilton, Wisconsin, November 24

Christ Bontrager moved from Clark, Missouri to Wilton, Wisconsin, November 24

David R. Bontrager and 9 children moved from Anabel, Missouri to Westby, Wis, in Feb.

Truman D. Bontrager (Martha H. Yoder) moved from Jamesport, Missouri to Cashton, Wis.

John Brennenman moved from Oakland, Maryland to Camden, Michigan R2 on November 3

Abe E. Byler and 9 children moved from Conewango Valley, New York to Sugar Grove, R1 Pennsylvania 16350 on April 23

Allen W. Byler moved from Geauga County, Ohio to Spartansburg, Pa. in June

Dan A. Byler moved from Conewango Valley, N. Y. to Sugar Grove R1, Pa., April 14

Dan D. Byler Jr. moved from Middlefield, Ohio to Spartansburg, Pa. in April

Jake J. Byler moved from Geauga Co., Ohio to Spartansburg, Pa. in July

John E. Byler moved from Geauga Co., Ohio to Spartansburg, Pa. in June

Lester W. Byler moved from Geauga Co., Ohio to Spartansburg, Pa. in June

Sam J. Byler moved from Geauga Co. Ohio to Spartansburg, Pa. in November
 Joe Coblentz moved from Hartly, Delaware to Holladay R3, Tennessee, October 22
 Joseph J. Eicher moved from Aylmer, Ontario, Canada to Punxsutawney R3, Pa., Dec. 9
 Samuel J. Eicher left Aylmer, Ontario for Guaimaca, Honduras on August 22
 John Fisher moved from Gap, Pa. to Millheim, Pa. in Centre Co. Pa., February 27
 Samuel Gingerich moved from Kalona, Iowa to Guthrie R2, Kentucky 42234, December 2
 Paul Graber moved from Nappanee, Indiana to Guthrie R2, Kentucky, January 24
 Samuel Hertzler moved from Lakeside, Ontario, Canada to Fernheim Village, Paraguay
 arrived in Paraguay, South America October 24

Dan Hochstetler moved from Apple Creek, Ohio to Horsefly, Box 131, British Columbia
 May 29

Jonas Hochstetler moved from Apple Creek, Ohio to Box 131, Horsefly, B.C., May 29
 Martin J. Hochstetler moved from Apple Creek, Ohio to Horsefly, B.C., Canada, May 25
 Perry N. Hochstetler moved from Clark, Missouri to Wilton, Wisconsin November 24
 Levi Lapp moved from Lebanon County, Pa. to Gap R1, Pa., August 6
 Clarence Mast moved from Bloomfield, Ohio to Holladay, Tennessee December 13, 1968
 Harvey M. Miller and 6 children moved from Geauga Co., Ohio to Cashton, Wis., March
 Henry Miller moved from Amherst, Wis. to Wilton, R1, Wisconsin December 10
 John A. Miller and 7 children moved from Burton, Ohio to Horsefly, B.C., May 31
 Monroe A. Miller moved from Geauga Co., Ohio to Cashton R3, Wisconsin, in March

(and 7 children)

Mose A.J. Miller and 8 children moved from Conewango Valley to Sugar Grove, Pa. Apr. 10
 Ura E. Miller and 2 children moved from Conewango, N. Y. to Sugar Grove, Pa., May 8
 Uriel Miller moved from Staunton, Virginia to Guthrie R2, Kentucky 42234, Nov. 25
 Yost Miller moved from Staunton, Va. to Guthrie R2, Kentucky, July 3
 Abram Peachey moved to Madisonburg, Pennsylvania in Centre County on April 1
 Jess Peachey Jr. moved from Selinsgrove, Pa. to Guthrie, Kentucky, October 14
 Jess Peachey Sr. moved from Selinsgrove, Pa. to Guthrie, Kentucky, April 16
 Irvin Schlabach moved from Wooster, Ohio to Guthrie, Kentucky, March 27
 John Schlabach moved from Wooster, Ohio to Guthrie, Kentucky, April 16
 Herman Schmucker moved from LaGrange, Indiana to Halladay R2, Tennessee, March 5
 Menno J. Schmucker (Emma B. Beachy) moved from Buchanan Co., Iowa to Cashton, Wis.
 Joe A. Schwartz moved from Grabbill Indiana to Camden, Michigan, March 13
 Christian P. Schwartz moved from Geneva, Ind. to Seymour, R3, Missouri 65746,
 Menno D. Schwartz moved from Geneva, Indiana to Seymour R1, Missouri

(widower and five children)

Mrs. Petie O. Schwartz (newlywed) moved from Monroe, Ind. to Seymour, Missouri
 Martin Steuty moved from Fort Wayne to Camden, R1, Michigan, March 20
 Joseph Stoll moved from Aylmer, Ont. to Guaimaca, arrived in Honduras, October 25
 Peter and Alva Stoll families left on Nov. 22 to make their home in Spanish Honduras
 Stephen Stoll moved from Aylmer, Ont. to Guaimaca, Honduras, Central America, Oct. 25
 Christ Stoltzfus moved from Narvon R1 to Spring Mills, Centre County, Pa., March 20
 Daniel Stoltzfus moved from Elverson R2 to Spring Mills, Pennsylvania, March 4
 Henry Stoltzfus moved from Leola R1, Pa. to Rebersburg, Centre Co., Pa., March 12
 Melvin Stoltzfus moved from Leola, Pa. to Millheim, Centre Co., Pa., March 20
 Nicholas Stoltzfus moved from Aylmer, Ontario to Punxsutawney, Pa., December 2
 Samuel Stoltzfus moved from Leola R1, Pa. to Millheim, Centre Co., Pa., March 7

Eli Stutzman moved from Desboro, Ontario to
 Ethridge, Tennessee, October 25

Joe J. Stutzman moved from Fairbank, Iowa to
 Curtiss R1, Wisconsin

Edward Troyer moved from Geauga County, Ohio to
 Spartansburg, Pa., January 1, 1969

Emanuel Yoder moved from Conewango Valley, N.Y. to
 Sugar Grove, R1, Pa., May 7 (4 children)

Mahlon Yoder moved from Oakland, Maryland to
 Aylmer, Ontario, Canada, June 12

Melvin Yoder moved from Nappanee, Indiana to
 Guthrie R2, Tennessee 42234, September 9

Milo I. Yoder moved from Oakland, Maryland to
 Aylmer, Ontario, Canada, June 12

Monroe M. Yoder moved from Conewango Valley, N.Y. to
 Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania, December 4

Moses E. Yoder moved from Conewango Valley, N.Y. to
 Sugar Grove, Pa. 16350, April 17

*Dein wort ist...
 ein licht auf
 meinem wege
 Ps. 100:105*



*In meines vaters
 lause sind viele
 wohnungen. Joh. 14:2*

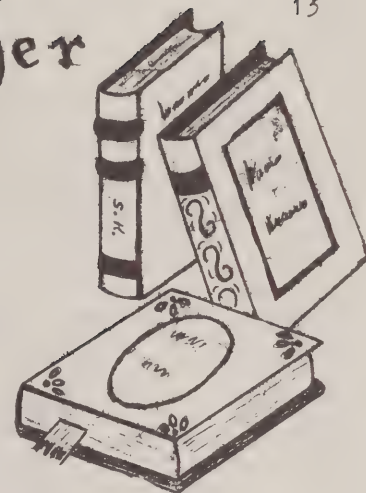


Unsere Geistliche Bücher

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Lasset das Wort Christi unter euch reichlich wohnen in aller Weisheit; lehret und vermahneth euch selbst mit Psalmen und Lobgesangen und geistlichen Liedern, und singet dem Herren in eurem Herzen.
Kolossar 3:16

FOREWORD



As a rule, all living things need food as a nutriment. This is necessary to sustain life and growth and maintain strength. To this rule, our church as a body, is no exception. The Apostle teaches us in I Cor. 15:44 Hat man ein natürlichen leib, so man auch ein Geistlichen leib hat. The food for this body is quite often expressed in scriptures as being "unsichtbar." Something we do not see, cannot get hold of directly, and perhaps we don't always know when we partake of or get it.

We are taught through the Bible that the food for this body begins with faith. Rom. 10:17 So Kommt der Glaube as der Predigt, das Predigen aber kommt durch des Wort Gottes. This "Wort Gottes" we receive mainly from our books. So it is reasonable to conclude that our "Geistliche Bücher" are in large the source of food we get to feed this body. No one will question the fact that the Holy Bible is the chief one, or the book of all books. Through the sermons and instructions of the Author of this book is a sufficient supply of nourishment for our church to live and grow and to provide wherever it takes to withstand to the end.

When we speak to someone about natural body conditions, we generally talk about it in physical terms as to health, strength, longevity, etc. Modern nutritionists are telling us, what we eat is what we are or "Your diet is what you are." How rightfully can we transfer this phrase to our church (as a body) your bookshelf is what you are.

In looking back over past years, history teaches us that many churches have been organized since the time of our Lord. Some have stood awhile, some longer than others and some stand yet to-day on the rock they were founded upon. Among the so-called Christian churches there is so great a difference in practice that they can hardly be called one church. Yet all these churches use practically the same Bible. So there must be other books that have provided food for our church over the years. We earnestly believe there is an unbroken line since the days of our Lord until now in church fellowship with the Lord. We need not know where all these churches were or when, but we can profit by learning some of the experiences the older churches had; how they endured persecution, what ordinances they practiced to keep separated from the world and to uphold Christian standards.

For many years it has been the custom in our church that when a young couple starts housekeeping or when they leave home, they receive from home some books. Usually this will consist of the Bible, Martyrs Mirror, the Ausbund, Unpartheyisches Gesang-Buch or Liedersammlung (in some sections), Lustgardlein, Des Einsthafte Christenpflicht Gebat Buch, etc. These are the books we believe have had a very direct influence in maintaining our church the last three centuries. These are the books we very distinctly call "Unsere Geistliche Bücher."

For this reason we will undertake to add this new article to THE DIARY to offer monthly or as long as we receive ample material. Here we heartily invite anyone of the church to supply us with or inform us of reading matter pertaining to these books. They have been proven over and over to be safe and sound.

In conclusion, let us search the bookshelf, dust off our old books, examine them thoroughly, study the preface, list the authors. Analyze the contents before bringing home a new book, strange to the home, unaccustomed to the church, unproven and maybe unfair. I am convinced that this would be more profitable, more satisfying and more upbuilding to the church. Zum end ist mein begehren, denkt unsern in dem Herrn.

Joseph Beiler



Er soll euch einen andern Tröster geben.

Jo. 14:16



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 Detweiler, Ruben - August
 Hostetler, Rosa - October
 Kanagy, Jacob - May
 Kanagy, Katie - August
 Kanagy, Sadie - November
 Kanagy, Samuel - June
 Peachey, Barbara - October
 Peachey, Daniel - October
 Peachey, David - October
 Peachey, Ezra F. - August
 Peachey, Lavina M. - December
 Peachey, Leon - July
 Peachey, Leroy - December
 Peachey, Mary - December
 Peachey, Melvin - October
 Peachey, Nancy - June
 Peachey, Ray - November
 Peachey, Roman - July
 Peachey, Samuel - July
 Peachey, Shara Joy - September
 Peight, son of John - October
 Peight, Salina - July
 Swarey, Rebecca - June
 Wengerd, Lena - June
 Wengerd, Joseph - December
 Wengerd, Mary - April
 Yoder, Anna Mary - May
 Yoder, Benuel - November
 Zook, Martha Mae - May

Centre County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Barbie
 Beckie - December
 Beiler, Lizzie - October
 Stoltzfus, Elam - April
 Stoltzfus, Sadie - April

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Esh, Amos - July
 Lantz, David - March
 Lantz, Sadie Mae - September
 Lapp, Isaac - August
 Stoltzfus, Catherine Ann - August
 Stoltzfus, Nancy Louise - August

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Ada Marie - July
 Alvin - October
 Amos - April
 Bennie - December
 Christ J. - September
 Daniel - August
 Daniel - February
 Daniel Ray - August
 Ira S. Jr. - July
 son of Jacob E. - April
 John F. Jr. - February
 Katie L. - May
 Lydia - July
 Martha - March
 Mary Ann - May
 Mary E. - August
 Melvin Jay - October
 Mervin - October
 Rachel - April
 Rebecca Ann - October
 Rosanna R. - November
 Samuel - March
 Samuel - March
 Stephen K. - October
 Steven R. - October

Beiler

Sylvia S. - July

Blank

Amanda - May
 Barbara - September

Dienner

Samuel Jay - April

Ebersol

Anna - April
 Elam Mark - February
 Harvey - June
 Jonas - March

Esch, David - September
 son of Leroy - March

Malinda - June

Esh, Amos M. - June

Annie - July
 Barbara - November
 Barbara Sue - December
 Christian - August
 Daniel - September
 Elmer - May
 Ephraim - August
 Fannie K. - November
 Hannah - September
 Isaac A. - December
 Jonas - August
 Linda - January
 Lena L. - August
 Mark - February
 Mary - June
 Mervin M. - July
 Rosanne - October
 Steven S. - June
 Stillborn dau - September
 Susan K. - July
 Susie - April

Fisher

Aaron - January
 Abner G. - November
 Anna - February
 Anna - August
 Calvin - October
 David E. Jr. - January
 Emma - July
 Henry - April
 Isaac - January
 James - August
 John David - July
 John L. - September
 John L. August
 Johnnie L. - December
 John M. - September
 John S. - December
 John Simon - February
 Lillian - January
 Lizzie - July
 Lydia K. - July
 Malinda - June
 Mary - May
 Mary - October
 Mary Ann - December
 Naomi M. - September
 Naomi P. - September
 Nathan - December
 Rachel Ann - September
 Rebecca - January
 Rosanna - August
 Sarah - April
 Sarah L. - December
 Solomon - September

Fisher

Stephen Jay - November
 Stevie Jay - August
 Susanne - January
 Susie Mae - November
 Susie S. - December

Flaud

Levi - February
 Malinda - March

Glick

Ammon R. - October
 Amos - April
 Anna - August
 Annie - January
 Amos S. - October
 Benjamin - April
 Daniel B. - September
 David S. - August
 Daniel U. - July
 Elam - April
 Fannie S. - September
 Johnny E. - September
 Katie - April
 John - May
 Katie Ann - September
 Lydia Ann - June
 Marian - December
 Mary Ann - January
 Rachel - June
 Samuel - December
 Sylvia - August

Huyard

Paul - November
 Sarah E. - September

Kauffman

Barbara - July
 Christian - October
 Christian K. - October
 Lizzie K. - August
 Lydia - April
 Melvin K. - June

Kings

Ada Ruth - July
 Amos - July
 Annie - January
 Annie S. - August
 Barbara - July
 Barbara L. - November
 Christ Z. Jr. - October
 Daniel R. Jr. - June
 David R. - June
 David S. - September
 David Z. - October
 Davie - November
 Eli - January
 Emma - January
 Emma K. - December
 Esther - August
 Henry - September
 Jonas - March
 Jacob E. - May
 Katherine - July
 Katie - October
 Katy L. - August
 Linda Rose - November
 Levi - October
 Lizzie - January
 Lydia - January
 Malinda - July
 Marvin Lee - March

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (continued)

King

Mary - January
 Mary - February
 Mary - August
 Mary Ann - December
 Mattie - March
 Naomi - February
 Priscilla - January
 Rachel - March
 Rebecca - February
 Samuel - July
 Samuel and
 Sarah - December
 Savilla - March
 Savilla - March
 Stephen - January
 Susie - November

Kinsinger

Andrew L. - March

Lantz

Christian - November
 Emanuel M. - March
 Fannie Z. - January
 Isaac - April
 Jonas Henry - June
 son of Levi - January
 Naomi - January

Lapp

Amos K. - June
 Anna - March
 Benuel R. - November
 Daniel - January
 Emma L. - August
 John - January
 Katie R. - December
 Katie - September
 Linda Ann - November
 Mary R. - November
 Miriam - February
 Leroy Jay - April
 Naomi Grace - December
 Rachel Ann - October
 Rebecca - October
 Samuel - July
 Sarah - April
 Susanna S. - November

Miller

Barbara - February
 Christian - October
 Elam - January
 Gideon F. - October
 Miriam - December
 Rachel - November
 Rebecca - November
 Samuel G. - October

Petersheim

Annie K. - August
 David Lee - November
 Emanuel L. - October
 Fannie - April
 Lizzie - January
 Ruth - August
 Stephen F. - October

Riehl

Elam K. - October
 Elsie B. - August
 Mervin - September
 Priscilla - Riehl
 Stillborn dau - May

Smoker

Melvin & Mervin - May
 Naomi - July

Smucker

Andrew Ray - May
 Anna S. - September
 Bennie - December
 Eli - January
 Henry - January
 Infant son - December
 John - April
 Katie - January
 Verna - March

Stoltzfoos

Ada R. - November
 Arie S. - August
 Benuel - March
 Daniel - September
 Katie - August
 Levi - April
 Malinda F. - June
 Naomi G. - August

Stoltzfus

Ada Ruth - February
 Amos E. - August
 Amos and
 Abram - December
 Amos S. - August
 Anna L. - October
 Annie - August
 Barbara - November
 Barbara - November
 Barbara Ann - December
 Barbara Ann - December
 Ben K. - September
 Bennie M. - October
 Benuel - November
 Benuel - April
 Catherine - February
 Chester - August
 Christ - October
 Christian E. - August
 Daniel - March
 Daniel - April
 Daniel L. - September
 David Lee - January
 David Michael - March
 David D. - December
 Dora Z. - June
 Dorcas - June
 Ephraim R. - November
 Elam S. - June
 Elmer - October
 Elmer L. - December
 Emanuel Z. - August
 Emma - December
 Emma K. - December
 Fannie - December
 Fannie E. - September
 Gideon - September
 Gideon - March
 Hannah - June
 Henry - December
 Henry Z. - August
 Isreal - July
 son of Jacob - August
 Jacob - June
 Jacob F. - August
 J. Daniel - August
 Jerry - January
 John - October
 Jonathan Jay - February
 Joseph - February
 Jonas B. Jr. - January
 Jonas K. - May

Stoltzfus (continued)

Katie - March
 Katie - July
 Katie - June
 Katie E. - September
 Katie F. - October
 Lavina - February
 Leah - October
 Levi - April
 Linda - November
 Linda Katherine - March
 Linda Marie - April
 Lydia - March
 Lydia Ann - June
 Lydia Ruth - September
 Malinda - June
 Marian - February
 Mary - September
 Mary - January
 Mary - September
 Mary E. - May
 Mary Ellen - June
 Mary Ellen - August
 Mervin Lee - November
 Naomi G. - December
 Nathaniel David - Oct.
 Nathan Jay - June
 Priscilla - August
 Rachel Ann - June
 Raymond Jay - September
 Rosanna - October
 Reuben C. - April
 Samuel - January
 Samuel - September
 Samuel B. Jr. - November
 Samuel and
 Emanuel - December
 Samuel W. - November
 Sarah B. - November
 Stephen - February
 Stephen B. - September
 Steven Lee - October
 Steven P. - June
 Susanna - September

Swarey

Isreal - October
 Naomi - August

Yoder

Leroy J. - May

Zook

Alvin - March
 Arie Lyn - October
 Barbara - December
 Benuel K. - July
 Chester - February
 David K. - August
 Elmer - February
 Ivan Jay - February
 Jonas - August
 Joseph B. - August
 Levi S. - March
 Lizzie S. - December
 Marian S. - August
 Mark Allen - September
 Mary - September
 Mary - February
 Mary Jane - March
 Reuben - February
 Verna - May
 Nancy - December

DEATHS (month is issue in which listed)

Allgyer, Sallie E. - May
 Beiler, Mrs. Annie K. - January
 Beiler, Hannah - May
 Beiler, Infant - November
 Beiler, Josiah - December
 Bontrager, Amanda - June
 Bontrager, John D. - August
 Burkholder, John - March
 Byler, Reuben R. - May Eash, Ruth - Sept.
 Eicher, Edna - November
 Eicher, Menno E. - August
 Eicher, Samuel - April
 Esh, Infant - September
 Esh, Mary - January
 Esh, Ruth - September
 Esh, Stillborn twin sons of Henry
 and Fannie (Beiler) Esh,
 Leola R1, Pa., July 2, 1969
 (not listed)
 Fisher, Infant - March
 Fisher, Infant - November
 Fisher, Katie - December
 Fisher, Reuben - June
 Fisher, Sarah - November
 Gingerich, Mrs. Barbara - Dec.
 Girod, Simon - December
 Glick, Alvin K. - July
 Glick, Daniel B. - September
 Glick, Elizabeth - September
 Glick, John R. - May
 Graber, Paul B. - April
 Graber, Peter G. - July
 Hershberger, Jonas - November
 Hilty, Anna - November
 Hostetler, Samuel Y. - March
 Kauffman, Rachel - May
 Keim, John M. - November
 Keim, Leander - February
 King, Amos J. - May
 King, Amos K. - August
 King, Daniel - April
 King, David P. - April
 King, Infant - February
 King, John E. - January
 Knepp, Samuel - June
 Kurtz, Infant - April
 Kurtz, Manelius B. - April
 Lantz, Infant - June
 Lantz, Micheal - April
 Lantz, Samuel - May
 Lapp, Ephraim S. - January
 Lapp, John F. - December
 Lapp, John L. - July
 Lapp, Miriam - February
 Lehman, Marvin D. - March
 Lengacher, Mrs. Susan - January
 Mast, Andrew L. - June
 Mast, Emma - August
 Miller, Andy A. - August
 Miller, Barbara - June
 Miller, Christ D. - June
 Miller, Crist M. - December
 Miller, Daniel A. - June
 Miller, Elnora - April
 Miller, Mrs. John D. - August
 Miller, Joni - April
 Miller, Mary - August
 Miller, Noah J. May
 Miller, Mrs. Susan - December
 Miller, William - June
 Miller, William J. - August
 Nisley, Infant - April
 Peachey, John M. - March
 Peachey, Stillborn daughter - December
 Petersheim, Jonas N. - May
 Petersheim, Lovina - May
 Raber, Anna - March
 Raber, Glen L. - September
 Renno, John B. - March
 Schlabach, Edna - April
 Slabaugh, Mrs. Enos C. - May
 Schmucker, Steven - May
 Schrock, Ira - November
 Schwartz, Anna Z. - May
 Schwartz, Infant - November
 Smoker, John E. - December
 Smucker, Infant - December
 Smucker, Nancy King - September
 Stoltzfus, Aaron - May
 Stoltzfus, Chester - January
 Stoltzfus, David Z. - December
 Stoltzfus, Fannie - October
 Stoltzfus, Isaac E. - January
 Stoltzfus, John E. - December
 Stoltzfus, John F. - May
 Stoltzfus, Levi - December
 Stoltzfus, Lizzie B. - January
 Stoltzfus, Salome - December
 Steury, John - May
 Swartz, Christian - February
 Swartz Rosie J. - February
 Troyer, Ezra S. - March
 Troyer, John E. - November
 Wagler, Mrs. Katie - December
 Wagler, Lewis V. - August
 Wengerd, Ida - October
 Wickey, Martin - November
 Yoder, Alfred - November
 Yoder, Joseph D. - May
 Yoder, Lizzie - December
 Yoder, Mrs. Lloyd - August
 Yoder, Noah J. - November
 Yoder, Sam C. - December
 Yoder, Tobias V. - July
 Yoder, Urias - July
 Zehr, Mrs. Joseph - September
 Zook, Eli - December
 Zook, Katie P. - May
 Zook, Nancy Ann - August

ORDINATIONS

Beiler, Henry - October
 Beiler, Isreal - April
 Bontrager, Sam E. - December
 Byler, Adam - April
 Eicher, Joe S. - December
 Esh, Levi K. - October
 Fisher, Amos S. - April
 Fisher, Stephen M. - April
 Hilty, Henry K. - May
 Kauffman, Amos M. October
 Kauffman, Eli A. - May
 King, Gideon - April
 Lambright, Daniel - May
 Lambright, Harvey J. - May
 Lantz, Jonathan - April
 Lapp, David F. - April
 Miller, Allen - December
 Miller, Elmer C. - May
 Miller, Floyd - April

ORDINATIONS, continued

Miller, Henry B. - October
 Miller, Lloyd L. - May
 Peachey, Daniel L. - April
 Petersheim, Christian R. - April
 Raber, Ben L. - October
 Schrock, Melvin C. - May
 Schwartz, Daniel W. - April
 Stoltzfus, Daniel L. - October
 Stoltzfus, Daniel S. - April
 Stoltzfus, David L. - October
 Stoltzfus, John K. - April
 Stoltzfus, John U. - October
 Stoltzfus, Samuel E. - April
 Stoltzfus, Samuel L. - April
 Swarey, John D. - April
 Wingard, Olen J. - May
 Yoder, Henry A. - December
 Yoder, Joe C. - May
 Yoder, John D. - May
 Yoder, Kore - April
 Yoder, Roman - December
 Yutzy, John - April

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CORRECTIONS

Sept. 14, Upper Pequea, Greenland
 Daniel, son of Katie Stoltzfus
 is Daniel, son of Eli and Katie Stoltzfus
 Isaac, son of Sarah King
 is Isaac, son of Amos B. and Sarah K. (Stoltzfus) King
 Sept. 21, Upper Millcreek, Talmage
 Benueel, son of Lizzie King
 is Daniel, son of Widow Lizzie (King) King and the late Jonas King
 Sept. 21, Middle Pequea, East Intercourse
 David, son of Ben T. and Emma (Esh) Fisher
 is David, son of Emma (Esh) and the late John F. Stoltzfus
 Fannie, daughter of Ben T. and Emma (Esh) Fisher
 is Fannie, daughter of Ben T. and the late Rebecca (Stoltzfus) Fisher

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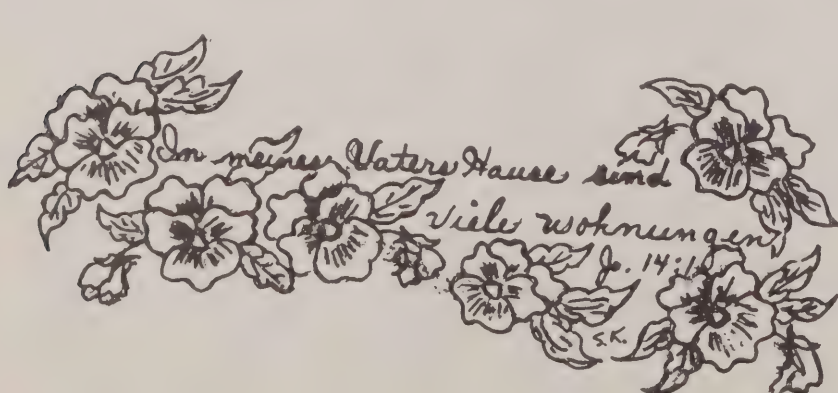
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The Yearbook Of 1968

CONSISTING OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES, BAPTISMS AND ORDINATIONS

BIRTHS

Allgyer, Abner (Mary A. Beiler) 682 Hartman St. Rd. Lanc. a son ABNER, May 20
 Allgyer, Elam (Rachel Blank) New Providenc R1, a son BENJAMIN, May 21
 Allgyer, Stephen (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a son STEPHEN, September 21
 Beiler, Aaron E. (Elizabeth Esh) Christiana R1, a daughter MIRIAM, November 15
 Beiler, Aaron H. (Rachel Stoltzfus) Lancaster R4, a son BENJAMIN, January 29
 Beiler, Aaron S. (Mary King) Honey Brook R1, a son JOHN OMAR, September 20
 Beiler, Abner (Sarah Stoltzfus) Ronks R1, a daughter RACHEL, March 27
 Beiler, Amos L. (Sarah King) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son AARON K., February 19
 Beiler, Amos M. (Verna Beiler) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter MARY ANN, December 19
 Beiler, Benjamin (Sarah Fisher) Christiana R1, a son STEPHEN, August 7
 Beiler, Benjamin S. (Katie Stoltzfoos) 426 Strasburg Pike, Lanc. a son ELAM, May 3
 Beiler, Christian (Mattie King) Strasburg R1, a daughter ANNIE K., September 21
 Beiler, Daniel E. (Lizzie B. Fisher) Christiana R1, a son BENUEL, January 25
 Beiler, Daniel E. (Rachel Esh) South Maple Ave, Leola, a daughter SARAH, June 30
 Beiler, David L. (Lizzie Beiler) Ronks R1, a daughter LENA MAE, July 27
 Beiler, Elam (Rebecca Esh) Ronks R1, a daughter ANNIE M., February 7
 Beiler, Elam (Fannie King) Gap R1, a daughter BARBARA, May 25
 Beiler, Elmer L. (Priscilla Stoltzfus) Strasburg R1, a son ELI S., September 19
 Beiler, Enos K. (Fannie King) Strasburg R1, a son ELAM, May 25
 Beiler, Henry, (Katie Stoltzfoos) Christiana R1, a son HENRY, September 4
 Beiler, Henry F. (Anna S. Kauffman) Kinzers R1, a daughter BARBARA, June 22
 Beiler, Ira (Malinda Fisher) Paradise R1, a son MARK, January 2
 Beiler, Isaac (Malinda King) Paradise R1, a son EMANUEL, October 12
 Beiler, Jacob K. (Annie R. Glick) Gap R1, a son JACOB, September 12
 Beiler, John I. (Fannie Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a son AARON, July 25
 Beiler, John K. (Lizzie Beiler) Quarryville R1, a daughter ANNA MARY, July 16
 Beiler, John L. (Sylvia S. Glick) Christiana R1, a daughter HANNAH, February 19
 Beiler, Jonas L. (Sarah Stoltzfus) Lancaster R4, a son SAMUEL, Dec. 17, 1967, adopted Mar. 23
 Beiler, Jonathan H. (Fannie Stoltzfus) Quarryville R3, a daughter FANNIE, September 26
 Beiler, Josiah (Naomi Beiler) Kinzers R1, a son LEON, April 15
 Beiler, Levi L. (Rachel F. Stoltzfus) Strasburg R1, a son ISAAC S., February 17
 Beiler, Melvin (Fannie Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a daughter KATIE, March 23
 Beiler, Samuel (Sarah Stoltzfus) Kirkwood R1, a son BENNIE, October 24
 Blank, Benuel (Annie Esh) Narvon R2, a son BENUEL JR., April 15
 Blank, Ephraim (Susie Esh) 750 Newport Rd. Leola, a son DAVID, March 25
 Blank, Jonas (Sarah Stoltzfus) Paradise R1, a son RAYMOND S., July 10
 Blank, Joseph (Malinda Smucker) Narvon R2, a daughter MALINDA, October 9
 Ebersol, Amos (Levina Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter LINDA, February 2
 Ebersol, Jacob E. (Leah Zook) Gordonville R1, a daughter BARBARA Z., January 17
 Ebersol, Leon (Nancy Stoltzfus) Narvon R2, a son MERVIN, November 20
 Esch, David (Sylvia Esh) Ronks R1 a son DANIEL LEE, August 25
 Esch, Jacob (Aarie Blank) New Providence R1, a daughter ANNA, January 19
 Esch, Aaron K. (Sylvia Lapp) Quarryville R3, a daughter NAOMI, July 31
 Esch, Amos (Annie Stoltzfus) Lititz R2, a daughter LYDIA, June 29
 Esch, Ben (Lydia Lapp) 2471 Horseshoe Rd. Lancaster, a son JOHN, January 4
 Esch, Benjamin H. (Katie Stoltzfus) Ronks R1, a daughter ANNIE, September 30
 Esch, Benjamin K. (Katie S. Kauffman) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son HENRY, December 2
 Esch, Christian G. (Malinda K. Esh) Gordonville R1, a daughter SYLVIA, March 5
 Esch, Christian L. (Sadie S. Smucker) Gordonville R1, a daughter NAOMI, March 24
 Esch, Christian P. (Rachel Glick) Willow Street R1, a daughter EMMA G., March 16
 Esch, David L. (Annie E. Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a daughter MALINDA ANN, October 10
 Esch, Eli (Rachel Fisher) Ronks R1, a daughter MIRIAM, January 12
 Esch, Elmer L. (Anna Smucker) Gordonville R1, a son ELMER JR., August 28
 Esch, Enos (Emma Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a daughter KATIE, August 9
 Esch, Henry, Fannie Beiler) 99 Glenbrook Rd. Leola, a son LEVI, June 4
 Esch, Henry (Katie Lapp) Ronks R1, a son JOHN, September 3
 Esch, Jacob P. (Lizzie King) New Providence R1, a son EPHRAIM, March 2
 Esch, Jesse L. (Malinda Stoltzfus) Narvon R1, a daughter NANCY, July 31
 Esch, Jesse S. (Fannie S. King) Gordonville R1, a daughter FANNIE MAE, June 20
 Esch, Reuben F. (Mary S. King) Gordonville R1, a daughter MALINDA K., January 15
 Esch, John S. (Sadie L. Stoltzfus) Paradise R1, a son LEROY
 Esch, Stephen K. (Lydia King) Ronks R1, a son STEPHEN K., July 26
 Fisher, Aaron K. (Katie L. Fisher) Gordonville R1, a son AMOS M., September 11

Fisher, Aaron M. (Rachel Lantz) Strasburg R1, a daughter MARTHA, September 25
 Fisher, Aaron S. (Rachel Stoltzfus) Paradise R1, a daughter SADIE, September 10
 Fisher, Ammon F. (Rebecca Glick) Ronks R1, a STILLBORN DAUGHTER, January 18
 Fisher, Ammon S. (Sadie Stoltzfus) Quarryville R3, an INFANT DAUGHTER, May 22
 Fisher, Amos L. (Lizzie Zook) Gap R1, a daughter MARY, January 28
 Fisher, Benjamin A. (Lydia King) Kinzers R1, a son BENJAMIN, August 20
 Fisher, Benjamin E. (Malinda Kauffman) Ronks R1, a daughter ESTHER, July 12
 Fisher, Bennie L. (Emma F. King) Paradise R1, a son ELMER, January 14
 Fisher, Benuel S. (Arie Smucker) Ronks R1, a son DANIEL, December 25
 Fisher, Christian F. (Lizzie Yoder) Strasburg R1, a son JACOB Y., June 17
 Fisher, Christian L. (Sarah Lapp) Strasburg R1, a son MELVIN, April 27
 Fisher, Daniel E. (Katie Fisher) Paradise R1, a daughter SADIE MAE, August 31
 Fisher, Daniel K. (Annie Stoltzfus) Quarryville R1, a son AMOS S., July 12
 Fisher, Daniel M. (Sadie Petersheim) Strasburg R1, a daughter MARTHA, May 6
 Fisher, David B. (Barbara Blank) Strasburg R1, a daughter MALINDA, January 24
 Fisher, David F. (Mary King) Strasburg R1, twin sons DAVID and DANIEL, August 2
 Fisher, David L. (Ruth Stoltzfus) New Holland R2, a daughter BETSIE, March 22
 Fisher, Elmer E. (Naomi King) Paradise R1, a daughter MARY ANN, July 19
 Fisher, David S. (Anna Mary Esh) New Holland R2, a son MIKE, October 22
 Fisher, Elmer S. (Katie Glick) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter SARAH ANN, October 16
 Fisher, Emanuel R. (Katie Esh) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter SALLY ANN, October 25
 Fisher, Emanuel S. (Katie Stoltzfus) Narvon R2, a daughter NAOMI, September 15
 Fisher, Gideon A. (Barbara Esch) Kinzers R1, a son ABNER, July 2
 Fisher, Henry F. (Emma Stoltzfus) Paradise R1, a daughter MALINDA, February 4
 Fisher, Henry F. (Mary B. Stoltzfus) Willow Street R1, a daughter MALINDA, December 17
 Fisher, Jacob J. (Annie K. Stoltzfus) Quarryville R1, a son DAVID E., August 1
 Fisher, Jacob J. (Barbara Esh) Strasburg R1, a daughter MARY, December 29
 Fisher, John B. (Susan Fisher) Kirkwood R1, a daughter LIZZIE, May 15
 Fisher, Jacob M. (Arie Stoltzfoos) Gordonville R1, a daughter MALINDA, February 2
 Fisher, Jacob M. (Sadie Esh) Gordonville R1, a daughter REBECCA, September 6
 Fisher, John B. (Rachel Stoltzfoos) Quarryville R3, a son LEVI, September 2
 Fisher, John G. (Anna Mae Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a son BENJAMIN, January 10
 Fisher, John F. (Annie Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son David S., August 4
 Fisher, John M. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a son LEVI, November 29
 Fisher, Jonathan E. (Lizzie Ann Diener) Lancaster R4, a daughter LIZZIE ANN, November 1
 Fisher, Joseph S. (Lizzie Glick) Ronks R1, a son LEVI, September 25
 Fisher, Leon (Ruth Stoltzfus) Leola R1, a son WAYNE, March 18
 Fisher, Levi L. (Sadie Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a son JESSE, January 27
 Fisher, Moses H. (Mary Lantz) Ronks R1, a daughter SARAH, July 2
 Fisher, Moses S. (Ida R. Beiler) Kirkwood R1, a son EMANUEL, June 25
 Fisher, Reuben B. (Emma Stoltzfus) Paradise, R1, an INFANT DAUGHTER, October 22
 Fisher, Reuben E. (Rachel Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a daughter RUTH ELAINE, January 5
 Fisher, Stephen U. (Sarah Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a daughter ELSIE, March 28
 Fisher, William (Anna Lapp) Ronks R1, a daughter MARY ANN, September 9
 Glick, Abner S. (Lovina Stoltzfus) New Providence R1, a daughter REBECCA S., February 8
 Glick, Christian B. (Sara Kauffman) Ronks R1, a son ALVIN, December 8
 Glick, Christian Z. (Melinda Stoltzfus) Quarryville R3, a daughter ADA, August 25
 Glick, David F. (Susie Stoltzfoos) Quarryville R3, a son JOHN S., May 27
 Glick, David K. (Lydia Esh) Quarryville R3, a daughter HANNAH, August 18
 Glick, Daniel M. (Barbara R. King) Lititz R3, a son CHRISTIAN, November 22
 Glick, David (Barbara Fisher) Kinzers R1, a son Melvin, June 6
 Glick, David R. (Rachel Zook) 2729 Creek Hill Rd. Lancaster, a daughter ESTHER, February 4
 Glick, Emery (Katie L. King) Leola R1, a daughter REBECCA ANN September 22
 Glick, Jacob S. (Mary A. Zook) New Holland R1, a daughter ANNIE, July 16
 Glick, John D. (Rebecca Fisher) Paradise R1, a son AARON, February 14
 Glick, John I. (Lydia Stoltzfus) New Holland R1, a son JACOB, October 29
 Glick, Leroy E. (Savilla Beiler) 2457 Horseshoe Rd. Lancaster, a son JOHN, November 4
 Glick, Levi E. (Susan Speicher) 2061 Jarvis Rd. Lancaster, a son MELVIN, July 6
 Glick, Melvin (Amanda Stoltzfus) Leola R1, a daughter ANNA, November 28
 Glick, Moses B. (Sarah S. Lapp) Quarryville R3, a son JACOB, May 19
 Kauffman, Christian (Anna Flaud) Paradise R1, a daughter ESTHER, April 11
 Kauffman, Daniel S. (Lizzie K. Esh) Strasburg R1, a daughter ANNIE E., May 5
 Kauffman, Elmer (Lizzie Beiler) Christiana R1, a daughter MARTHA, July 28
 Kauffman, John P. (Susie Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R1, a daughter ANNA MARY, July 16
 King, Abner (Katie Smucker) Gordonville R1, a daughter SARAH, November 8
 King, Amos (Mary King) Kirkwood R1, a son BENNIE, June 16
 King Amos E. Jr. (Sadie Esh) Ronks R1, a daughter AMANDA MAE, March 29
 King Amos K. (Malinda King) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son BENUEL, April 18
 King, Amos S. (Rachel Smucker) Narvon R1, a daughter THELMA MAE, January 20
 King, Ben B. (Rebecca S. Zook) Ronks R1, a daughter MIRIAM, February 7
 King, Benuel H. (Sylvia Fisher) Lancaster R4, a daughter MARY, December 4
 King, Christian (Katie Riehl) New Holland R1, a son AMOS L., August 22

King, Christian B. (Sarah Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a daughter BARBARA, February 17
 King, Christian Z. (Fannie Fisher) Ronks R1, a daughter MARY F., February 25
 King, Daniel F. (Hannah Lapp) Strasburg R1, a son SYLVAN, April 3
 King, Daniel F. (Rebecca Blank) Christiana R1, a daughter MARY, January 22
 King, Daniel S. (Priscilla Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a son DANIEL, April 12
 King, David B. (Mary Lapp) Paradise R1, a daughter ANNA, March 18
 King, David B. (Lizzie L. Smoker) 1927 Horseshoe Rd. Lancaster, a son DANIEL, July 24
 King, David B. (Anna Riehl) Honey Brook R1, a son LEVI, April 21
 King, David F. (Malinda King) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter MARY, February 16
 King, David S. (Anna Lapp) Lititz R3, a son BEN, March 5
 King, Elam F. (Barbara Blank) Christiana R1, a daughter BARBARA, April 8
 King, Elam S. (Rachel Smucker) Strasburg R1, a daughter RUTH, June 12
 King, Eli E. (Hannah King) Gordonville R1, a daughter SARAH ANN, June 15
 King, Eli F. (Anna Esh) Ronks R1, a son DAVID E., December 8
 King, Emanuel (Sarah Zook) Kirkwood R1, a daughter MALINDA, December 12
 King, Emanuel S. (Malinda Fisher) a daughter SARA ANN, November 5
 King, Enos B. (Elizabeth Zook) Gap R1, a son ENOS JR., February 27
 King, Isaac F. (Anna Lapp) Christiana R1, a daughter BARBARA, October 27
 King, Isaac Z. (Hannah Lapp) Lancaster R4, a son JONATHAN L., August 13
 King, Jacob K. (Barbara Beiler) Willow Street R1, a son EPHRAIM B., January 3
 King, Jacob S. (Emma Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a son AMOS A., June 21
 King, Jacob S. (Mary Stoltzfus) Quarryville R3, a son BENJAMIN, August 22
 King, John A. (Sarah Esh) Gordonville R1, a daughter MARIAN, January 28
 King, John E. (Miriam Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R1, a daughter LYDIA, November 9
 King, John F. (Annie Petersheim) Christiana R1, a son DANIEL, July 13
 King, John L. (Rebecca S. King) Leola R1, a daughter KATIE, December 21
 King, Jonas K. (Sara Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand, R1, a son ABNER, June 29
 King, Jonas S. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a son DAVID, January 23
 King, Levi A. (Sadie Esh) Gap R2, a son SAMUEL L., March 3
 King, Levi S. (Rebecca Smoker) Gordonville R1, a son Elmer S., April 6
 King, Levi S. (Sylvia Lapp) Lititz R3, a son LEVI S., October 31
 King, Samuel B. (Annie Zook) Paradise R1, a son SAMUEL, March 19
 King, Samuel F. (Fannie Beiler) Ronks R1, a daughter SARAH, December 14
 King, Samuel S. (Mary Ann Stoltzfus) Narvon R1, a daughter LYDIA RUTH, June 5
 King, Samuel S. (Rebecca Lapp) Kinzers R1, a son LLOYD, January 2
 Kinsinger, Levi S. (Arie Swarey) Leola R1, a daughter LYDIA S., February 28
 Lantz, Amos B. (Katie Stoltzfus) Leola R1, a son ISAAC S., April 23
 Lantz, Benjamin (Mary Kauffman) Paradise R1, a daughter BARBARA, February 28
 Lantz, Daniel B. (Aary Ann Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a son ELAM, January 15
 Lantz, Daniel B. (Aary Ann Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a daughter ANNA MAE, November 22
 Lantz, Elmer (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a son ALLEN, September 18
 Lantz, Reuben (Anna Fisher) Gordonville R1, a daughter VERA, October 3
 Lapp, Alvin M. (Fannie S. Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a daughter RACHEL, September 19
 Lapp, Benjamin (Esther Riehl) Ronks R1, a daughter REBECCA, August 31
 Lapp, Christian (Rachel Beiler) Ronks R1, a daughter NANCY ANN, September 3
 Lapp, Christian K. (Anna Mary Esh) Quarryville R3, a daughter ERMA, May 8
 Lapp, Daniel E. (Lydia King) Strasburg R1, a son DAVID L., October 1
 Lapp, Daniel L. (Mary Lantz) Quarryville R1, a daughter FANNIE, April
 Lapp, David (Lydia Lapp) Paradise, R1, a son SAMUEL, September 23
 Lapp, Elmer Jr. (Sadie Lapp) Ronks R1, a son STEVEN RAY, December 16
 Lapp, Ephraim (Sarah King) Quarryville R2, a daughter MARY K., November 18
 Lapp, Isaac (Lydia Kinsinger) Quarryville R1, a daughter MATTIE, October 9
 Lapp, Isaac S. (Emma Kauffman) Ronks R1, a son JOHN K., April 21
 Lapp, J. Elmer (Sadie Beiler) Coatesville R3, a daughter FANNIE RUTH, April 5
 Lapp, John E. (Lydia S. King) Quarryville R3, a son Isaac, Dec. 29
 Lapp, Jacob (Fannie Riehl) Gap R1, a son CHRIST, August 27
 Lapp, Jonas S. (Katie King) Ronks R1, a son STEPHEN, May 3
 Lapp, Joseph L. (Katie Glick) Paradise, R1, a daughter HANNAH, November 12
 Lapp, Noah, (Katie Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son MELVIN, April 8
 Lapp, Samuel (Susie Beiler) Kirkwood R1, a son JOHN B., December 23
 Miller, Aaron K. (Sarah Fisher) Gordonville R1, a daughter EMMA, January 27
 Miller, Christian (Anna Mary Glick) Strasburg R1, a son CHRISTIAN JR., December 22
 Miller, David R. (Naomi Glick) 2714 Creek Hill Rd. Leola, a son DAVID JR., May 12
 Miller, Elmer (Hannah Stoltzfus) a son JONAS, November 4
 Miller, Enos (Rebecca Fisher) Paradise R1, a son BENUEL, June 10
 Miller, Jacob K. (Sarah Fisher) Quarryville R3, a son AARON, December 13
 Miller, Joseph S. (Annie K. Lapp) Paradise, R1, a son JOHN, October 24
 Petersheim, Christian R. (Fannie Fisher) Christiana R1, a son CHRISTIAN, July 5
 Petersheim, Daniel B. (Barbara Stoltzfus) Christiana R1, a daughter SADIE, January 25
 Petersheim, Daniel (Mary Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a son DANIEL JR., December 14
 Petersheim, Elam R. (Annie L. King) Gordonville R1, a son ABNER, February 11
 Petersheim, Elmer F. (Fannie K. K9ng) Ronks R1, a daughter LINDA, May 21

Petersheim, John D. (Lydia Stoltzfus) Paradise R1, a son IVAN, September 14
 Petersheim, Melvin R. (Rebecca Lapp) Christiana R1, a daughter LYDIA, July 4
 Riehl, Daniel E. (Mary L. King) Ronks R1, a son REUBEN, September 17
 Riehl, Gideon P. (Malinda Stoltzfus) Leola R1, a son Amos S., July 8
 Smoker, David S. (Rebecca Esh) East Earl R1, a daughter FAITH MARIE, August 7
 Smoker, Samuel S. (Rachel Lapp) Narvon R2, a daughter BARBARA, July 6
 Smucker, Daniel (Annie Beiler) Narvon R1, a daughter NANCY JANE, February 19
 Smucker, Daniel B. (Mary Fisher) Gordonville R1, a son LEVI, April 6
 Smucker, Joseph (Naomi Smucker) East Earl R1, a daughter SADIE, July 10
 Smucker, Levi E. (Barbara Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter BARBARA, March 20
 Speicher, Aaron (Rebecca King) Witmer, a daughter RUTH, December 12
 Speicher, John G. (Fannie Fisher) 153 Oakview Rd. Lancaster, a daughter MARY ELLEN, Dec. 14
 Stoltzfoos, Abner F. (Barbara B. Stoltzfus) 2008 Horseshoe Rd. Lancaster, a dau KATIE, Dec. 29
 Stoltzfoos, David F. (Sadie Stoltzfus) New Providence R1, a son AMOS, December 5
 Stoltzfoos, David Z. (Emma Petersheim) Leola R1, a daughter SADIE, April 18
 Stoltzfoos, Jacob B. (Naomi Beiler) Strasburg R1, a daughter HANNAH B., March 14
 Stoltzfoos, Levi F. (Katie Fisher) Quarryville R1, a daughter MARY, January 23
 Stoltzfoos, Samuel (Fannie Beiler) Kinzers R1, a son EMANUEL, March 16
 Stoltzfus, Aaron F. (Sadie Lantz) 217 Horseshoe Rd. Leola, a daughter SADIE MAE, Jan. 10
 Stoltzfus, Abner F. (Mary B. Fisher) Quarryville R3, a daughter SADIE MAE, June 9
 Stoltzfus (Rachel Lapp) Christiana R1, a daughter KATIE, June 29
 Stoltzfus, Amos B. (Emma Mae Glick) Honey Brook R2, a son ELVEN AMOS, December 14
 Stoltzfus, Amos E. (Mattie Beiler) Ronks R1, a son BENUUEL, October 8
 Stoltzfus, Amos B. (Annie Stoltzfus) Quarryville R3, a son SAMUEL, August 23
 Stoltzfus, Amos K. (Rachel Beiler) Gap R1, a daughter MARTHA, February 4
 Stoltzfus, Amos L. (Katie Esh) Kinzers R1, a son DAVID, April 19
 Stoltzfus, Amos M. Leah Lapp) Elverson R2, a daughter PRISCILLA, August 31
 Stoltzfus, Amos S. Jr. (Lydia Mae Zook) Gordonville R1, a daughter REBECCA ANN, September 29
 Stoltzfus, Benjamin S. (Naomi Stoltzfus) Leola R1, a daughter SADIE S., April 30
 Stoltzfus, Benuel J. (Annie Esh) Honey Brook R1, a daughter NAOMI, March 19,
 Stoltzfus, Chester S. (Mary E. Stoltzfus) Ronks R1, a son SAMUEL, January 4
 Stoltzfus, Christian B. (Mary Fisher) Christiana R1, a son STEPHEN, May 18
 Stoltzfus, Christian K. (Rachel Smucker) Narvon R1, a daughter SALLY, March 19
 Stoltzfus, Christian L. (Katie Ann Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a son OMAR, March 13
 Stoltzfus, Christian S. (Priscilla Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R1, a daughter ANNA MARY, Oct. 12,
 Stoltzfus, Daniel F. (Mary Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1, a daughter RUTH, August 15
 Stoltzfus, Daniel J. (Katie Zook) Honey Brook R2, a son EPHRAIM, February 29
 Stoltzfus, Daniel L. (Mary Stoltzfus) Ronks R1, a son ELMER J., July 13
 Stoltzfus, Daniel M. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Elverson R2, a son JOHN, April 22
 Stoltzfus, Daniel S. (Miriam King) Narvon R2, a son CHRISTIAN, May 6
 Stoltzfus, Daniel U. (Rebecca Glick) Honey Brook R1, a daughter ANNIE, August 6
 Stoltzfus, David B. (Lena Glick) Lancaster R4, a daughter FANNIE MAE, November 17
 Stoltzfus, David F. (Elizabeth R. Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1, a son IRA, December 29
 Stoltzfus, David F. (Fannie S. Zook) Christiana R1, a daughter KATIE, April 20
 Stoltzfus, David K. (Priscilla Stoltzfus) Narvon R1, a daughter NAOMI, August 7
 Stoltzfus, David L. (Lydia King) Ronks R1, an INFANT SON, September 29
 Stoltzfus, Elam (Katie Stoltzfus) Elverson R2, a daughter EMMA, August 24
 Stoltzfus, Elam E. (Priscilla S. Riehl) Gap R1, a son JOHN DAVID, September 14,
 Stoltzfus, Eli (Mary Riehl) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter SADIE, May 8
 Stoltzfus, Eli K. (Barbara Stoltzfus) New Holland R2, a daughter ANNA, May 15
 Stoltzfus, Eli S. (Malinda Fisher) Gordonville R1, a son JOHN, June 25
 Stoltzfus, Enos F. (Mary F. Stoltzfus) 2366 Horseshoe Rd. Lancaster, a dau REBECCA, March 31
 Stoltzfus, Henry B. (Mary Swarey) Paradise R1, a son ENOS, December 1
 Stoltzfus, Henry L. (Fannie L. Stoltzfus) Kirkwood R1, a son DAVID, June 17
 Stoltzfus, Henry F. (Rebecca L. Stoltzfus) Lititz R2, a daughter AMANDA, December 9
 Stoltzfus, Henry L. (Lydia Petersheim) Gordonville R1, a daughter MARY, March 14
 Stoltzfus, Ira K. (Fannie King) Gordonville R1, a son JAMES RAY, September 1
 Stoltzfus, Isaac (Barbara Fisher) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son SAMUEL, April 20
 Stoltzfus, Isaac Z. (Miriam Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a daughter LINDA RUTH, August 23
 Stoltzfus, Isreal (Savilla Fisher) Kirkwood R1, a daughter BARBARA F., December 30
 Stoltzfus, Ivan S. (Anna Beiler) Honey Brook R2, a son JAMES B., April 10
 Stoltzfus, John B. (Susan E. Fisher) Kirkwood R1, a daughter LIZZIE, May 15
 Stoltzfus, John D. (Katie S. Smucker) New Holland R1, a daughter RACHEL, November 26
 Stoltzfus, John F. (Rebecca Beiler) Quarryville R3, a daughter MARY B., September 13
 Stoltzfus, John K. (Mary S. Esh) Witmer, a son DANIEL, December 25
 Stoltzfus, John Henry (Emma Dienger) Gap R1, a son AQUILLA, September 18
 Stoltzfus, John K. (Rachel Lapp) Paradise R1, a daughter SYLVIA, December 23
 Stoltzfus, John K. (Sarah Stoltzfus) Ronks R1, a son JOHN, March 30
 Stoltzfus, John L. (Arie Smucker) Lancaster R4, a son AMOS L., June 20
 Stoltzfus, John M. (Lizzie Blank) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter MARY, April 7
 Stoltzfus, John S. (Anna Stoltzfus) Narvon R1, a son JOHN, October 5
 Stoltzfus, John S. (Lydia L. Esh) Gordonville R1, a son BENUUEL, November 15

Stoltzfus, John Z. (Rachel Blank) Gap R1 a daughter MARY ANN, October 5
 Stoltzfus, Jonas M. (Iovina Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a son JACOB S., October 12
 Stoltzfus, Joseph E. (Lydia Fisher) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son BENJAMIN, May 27
 Stoltzfus, Joshua (Mary Stoltzfoos) Kinzers, a son DANIEL, September 15
 Stoltzfus, Leroy (Lena Lapp) Ronks R1, a daughter ELIZABETH, June 25
 Stoltzfus, Leroy G. (Salome Lapp) Gap, R1 a daughter ARIE ANN, February 20
 Stoltzfus, Levi (Barbara Fisher) Honey Brook R1, a daughter SADIE, August 16
 Stoltzfus, Levi L. (Sarah Lapp) Kirkwood R1, a son ELMER, August 6
 Stoltzfus, Levi F. (Fannie Kauffman) New Holland R2, a daughter MARTHA, January 24
 Stoltzfus, Levi R. (Lydia S. Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a son STEPHEN, May 12
 Stoltzfus, Levi S. (Sadie King) Leola R1, a daughter RUTH, August 10
 Stoltzfus, Melvin E. (Ruth Glick) Honey Brook R2, a daughter MARTHA ANN, November 13
 Stoltzfus, Melvin J. (Barbara S. Lapp) Lititz R2, a son ELI, April 27
 Stoltzfus, Samuel F. (Lydia Riehl) Leola R1, a son LEON, December 1
 Stoltzfus, Samuel I. (Sara Ann Zook) Kinzers R1, a son MERVIN, December 31
 Stoltzfus, Samuel J. (Barbara Smoker) Narvon R2, a daughter RACHEL, April 17
 Stoltzfus, Samuel K. (Levina S. Kauffman) 2050 Horseshoe Rd. Lancaster, a son JOHN, June 25
 Stoltzfus, Samuel K. (Mary Miller) Kirkwood R1, a daughter MALINDA, April 5
 Stoltzfus, Samuel K. (Naomi L. Beiler) Gordonville R1, a daughter MARTHA, February 26
 Stoltzfus, Samuel M. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Narvon R1, a daughter MIRIAM, March 18
 Stoltzfus, Samuel S. (Katie Lapp) Gordonville R1, a son MICHAEL, August 7
 Stoltzfus, Solomon (Anna R. Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a son SAMUEL, March 9
 Stoltzfus, Stephen (Annie Stoltzfus) Honey Brook, a daughter SUSIE L., July 24
 Stoltzfus, Stephen (Arie Elma Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a son JOHN DAVID, November 10
 Stoltzfus, Stephen (Edna Dienner) Gordonville R1, a son JOHN, August 25
 Stoltzfus, Stephen (Fannie M. Beiler) Gordonville R1, a daughter EMMA MAE, October 11
 Stoltzfus, Stephen M. (Fannie K. Fisher) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter REBECCA, November 12
 Stoltzfus, Stephen S. (Emma Stoltzfus) Quarryville R3, a daughter SARAH S., November 1
 Swarey, Aaron (Fannie Stoltzfus) Leola R1, a daughter ANNIE S., March 23
 Yoder, Samuel K. (Sarah S. Beiler) Leola R1, a daughter NAOMI, August 14
 Zook, Alvin (Sadie Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R1, a daughter LYDIA, June 20
 Zook, Daniel B. (Mary M. Fisher) Quarryville R3, a son LEVI, April 3
 Zook, Daniel B. (Ruth Lantz) Gordonville R1, a son DAVID, December 29
 Zook, Amos (Mary Lapp) Strasburg R1, a son OMAR, April 29
 Zook, Daniel E. (Nancy Mae King) Narvon R1, a daughter SADIE MAE, February 27
 Zook, Daniel S. (Malinda Beiler) Gordonville R1, a daughter LILLIAN, August 12
 Zook, Elam (Katie S. Glick) Leola R1, a son JONAS, February 1
 Zook, Ephraim G. (Sarah S. Blank) Lititz R4, a son ELAM, May 12
 Zook, Henry (Katie Stoltzfus) Kinzers, a son JOHN, December 22
 Zook, Jacob B. (Annie Miller) Paradise R1, a son CHRISTIAN, December 26
 Zook, John B. (Sara L. Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1, a daughter MARTHA, August 15
 Zook, Jonas B. (Katie Miller) Quarryville R3, a son ELI MARK, October 9
 Zook, Jonas S. (Elizabeth Esh) 729 Hartman St Rd. Lancaster, a son SAMUEL, November 30
 Zook, Levi K. (Mary Beiler) Gap R1, twin boys DAVID B. and DANIEL B., July 3
 Zook, Levi S. (Lizzie Beiler) Quarryville R1, a daughter ESTHER, June 11
 Zook, Moses S. (Katie Zook) Kinzers R1, a son DAVID, September 9
 Zook, Samuel S. (Barbara Fisher) Gordonville R1, a son BENJAMIN F., August 3

DEATHS

Beiler, Aaron Jr., aged 11 Yrs. son of Aaron and Lizzie (Esh) Beiler, Leola R1, Aug. 17
 Buried at Gordonville
 Beiler, Aaron E., 72, husband of Betsie (Stoltzfus, Gap R1, May 18, buried at Spring Garden
 Beiler, Elam, infant son of Enos K. and Fannie (King) Beiler, Strasburg R1, May 25
 Beiler, Fannie, widow of Jonathan, aged 72, Kirkwood R1, August 20, buried at Bartville
 Beiler, Infant daughter of Melvin A. and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Gap R1, March 23
 Buried at Millwood West
 Beiler, Sarah, wife of Amos L. Beiler, aged 86, Paradise R1, October 15,
 Blank, David, infant son of Ephraim K. and Susie (Esh) Blank, Leola R1, April 6
 Blank, Samuel, 88, widower of Mary Stoltzfus, Springville, Kinzers R1, June 20,
 Buried at Stoltzfus
 Blank, Sarah, widow of Benjamin Blank, New Holland, aged 81 Feb. 10, buried at Myer's
 Esh, Elias, 68, husband of Katie (Beiler) Gordonville R1, April 24, buried at Gordonville
 Esh, Infant of Aaron K. and Bettie (Miller) Esh, Bart, May 23, buried at Bart
 Esh, John B., 65, husband of Mary (Smucker) Gordonville R1, February 6, buried at Ronks
 Fisher, Arie, 60, third wife of David B. Fisher, Kirkwood R1, November 17, buried at Fishers
 Fisher, Infant daughter of Ammon S. and Sadie (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Quarryville, May 23
 Buried at Bart
 Fisher, Infant daughter of Ammon and Rebecca K. (Glick) Fisher, Ronks R1, January 18
 Fisher, Malinda, 7 mo. old daughter of Levi S. and Lizzie (Smucker) Fisher, Strasburg
 March 24
 Fisher, Mary Ann, 17, daughter of Amos L. and Susie (Fisher) Fisher, Ronks R1, July 26
 Buried at Beiler's

Fisher, Rebecca S., infant daughter of Reuben B. and Emma S. (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Paradise
October 22, buried at Bart

Fisher, Susanna, 80, widow of John L. Fisher, Bird-in-Hand, January 10, buried at Beiler's
Glick, Pre. David K., 75, widow of Dora (Riehl) Gap R1, September 23, buried at Beuna Vista

Glick, Rebecca Ann, daughter of Emery S. and Katie (King) Glick, Leola R1, October 1
Kauffman, Annie E. 4 mo. old daughter of Daniel S. and Lizzie K. (Esh) Kauffman, Strasburg
October 12

King, Pre. David K., 54, husband of Sarah (Esh) King, Gordonville R1, buried at Myer's

King, Mary, 83, widow of John King, Bart, July 8, buried at Bart

King, Sarah B., 89, widow of Christ S. King, Kirkwood, formerly of New Holland, Oct. 17

Lantz, Isaac S., 5 mo. old son of Amos B. and Katie D. (Stoltzfus) Lantz, Leola, Oct. 13
buried at Myer's

Lapp, Elizabeth, 87, widow of Amos S. Lapp, Paradise R1, February 23, buried at Gordonville

Lapp, Mary, 76, wife of John F. Lapp, Ronks R1, October 20, buried at Gordonville

Petersheim, Christian L., 41, husband of Emma (Lantz) Petersheim, Gordonville, August 25
buried at Beiler's

Riehl, Aaron, 23, son of Pre. Ephraim and Rebecca (Eah) Riehl, Leola, July 28

Riehl, John D., 54, husband of Mary (Stoltzfus) Riehl, Gap R1, March 5, buried at Gordonville

Smucker, Amos B., 54, husband of Sara (Stoltzfus) Smucker, Narvon R1, Sept. 8, buried at
Mast's

Stoltzfus, Anna Mae, infant daughter of Samuel E. and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Gap R1
January 5, buried at Millwood West

Stoltzfus, Annie S., 75, wife of Ben B. Stoltzfus, Intercourse, December 13,
buried at Myer's

Stoltzfus, Daniel B., 63, widower of Naomi (Stoltzfus, husband of Lydia (Stoltzfus, May 17
buried at Masts

Stoltzfus, Malinda B., 76, wife of D. Ira Stoltzfus, Kinzers R1, May 20, buried at Millwood
West

Stoltzfus, Infant son of David L. and Lydia (King) Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, September 29

Yoder, Mary K., 83, widow of Joas Peter Yoder, East Earl, Feb. 24, buried at Myers

Zook, John B., 88, husband of Malinda (Stoltzfus) Zook, Leola, April 25, buried at Myers

Zook, Levi E., 21, husband of Annie (Smoker) Zook, New Holland, April 16,
buried at Stoltzfus

Zook, Malinda, 82, widow of John Zook (see April 25) Leola, June 20, buried at Myers

Zook, Samuel, B., 89, widower of Lizzie M. (Stoltzfus) Zook Elverson R2, Nov. 5, buried
at Masts

MARRIAGES (Lancaster County, Pennsylvania)

January 4

Elam, son of Levi L. Zook and the late Susie Lapp, Gordonville R1 and Martha, daughter
of Daniel and Priscilla (Smoker) Bawell, Leola R1, by Amos E. King

January 18

Eli, son of David K. and Sarah (Esh) King, Gordonville R1 and Hannah, daughter of
Henry B. and Katie F. (King) King, Christiana R1 by John S. Glick

March

Henry, son of John and Malinda (Stoltzfus) Zook, Leola R1 and Rachel, daughter of
Amos R. and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Glick, 188 Geist Rd. Lancaster by Levi E. Stoltzfus

March 12

Moses, son of Moses Lapp and the late Annie (Zook) Lapp, Lebanon Co. and Sadie
Stoltzfus, daughter of Eli and Lydia (Stoltzfus) Smucker, Gordonville R1 by Daniel E.
Stoltzfus

May 9

Christian, son of the late Harry and Mary (Riehl) Miller, Christiana R1 and Sarah,
daughter of Henry D. and Susie (Zook) Stoltzfus, Narvon R1 by Aaron Esh

October 29

Daniel S., son of Samuel J. and Susie S. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1 and
Malinda E., daughter of Rebecca F. (Esh) and the late Amos M. Fisher, Ronks R1 by Amos S.
Lapp

Menno S. Jr., son of Menno S. and Lizzie (Esh) Beiler, Christiana R1 and Miriam,
daughter of Henry B. and Mary B. (King) Fisher, Gordonville by Aaron Esh

Daniel K., son of Amos S. and Sylvia (Stoltzfus) Glick, 88 Geist Rd. Lancaster
and Emma S., daughter of Stephen L. and Emma Z. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Leola R1 by
Levi E. Stoltzfus

October 31

Benjamin B., son of Aquilla R. and Fannie Y. (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1
and Malinda, G., daughter of Henry S. and the late Leah R. (Glick) Zook, Leola R1 by
Aaron Y. Beiler

Benuel S., son of Christ S. and Anna D. (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Leola R1 and Mary E.,
daughter of Jacob S. and Barbara L. (Beiler) Zook, Christiana R1 by Joel K. Zook

Levi F. Jr., son of Levi F. and Annie (Smoker) Esh, Quarryville R3 and Fannie F.,
daughter of Ezra F. and Arie F. (King) King, Kinzers R1 by Jonathan F. King

Daniel Z., son of David S. and Bena (Stoltzfus) Glick, Leola R1 and Sarah F., dau
of Amos L. and Malinda S. (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1 by John S. Glick

Benjamin B. Jr., son of Benjamin B. and Emma (Blank) King, New Holland R2 and Malinda K., daughter of Daniel L. and Lydia (King) Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1 by Jacob M. Stoltzfus
 Moses S., son of Isreal and Priscilla (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1 and Barbara E., daughter of Eli Z. and Emma (Esh) King, Gordonville R1 by David L. Riehl
 Samuel M., son of John L. and Katie (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Christiana R1 and Barbara S., daughter of Samuel K. and Katie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand by Enos M. Beiler

November 5

John S., son of Aaron and Ruth (Smoker) Fisher, Strasburg R1 and Mary, daughter of Amos M. and Lydia (Petersheim) Lapp, Kinzers R1 by John F. Glick
 Jonas L., son of Annie (Lapp) and the late Isaac Y. Lapp, Intercourse and Fannie B., daughter of Jacob and Mary (Beiler) Hershberger, Kirkwood R1 by John E. Smoker
 Jonas E., son of Enos and Emma L. (Stoltzfus) Esh, Gordonville R1 and Fannie B., daughter of Samuel S. and Hannah Y. (Beiler) Zook, 534 Willow Rd. Lancaster by Jacob M. Stoltzfus

Christian M., son of Sylvan F. and Mima (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1 and Lavina, daughter of Gideon B. and Annie S. (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1 by Isaac H. Zook

Joshua L. Jr., son of Joshua L. and Nancy B. (Beiler) Zook, Quarryville R3 and Lydia S., daughter of Jacob A. and Rachel (Stoltzfus) King, Strasburg R1 by Christ M. Fisher

Samuel L., son of Phares S. and Katie (King) Fisher, Kinzers R1 and Anna F., daughter of Samuel B. and Malinda L. (Fisher) Esh, Gordonville R1 by Daniel E. Stoltzfus

David S., son of Samuel K. and Annie B. (Stoltzfus) Zook, Paradise R1 and Mary K., daughter of Christian R. and Mary F. (King) Glick, Gap R1 by Joel K. Zook

Stephen R., son of Daniel S. and Barbara F. (Stoltzfus) Glick, Bird-in-Hand R1 and Rachel S., daughter of Joseph F. and Sadie S. (Smucker) Beiler, Gordonville R1 by Jonathan F. King

Emanuel Z., son of Paul A. and Annie (Zook) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1 and Malinda S., daughter of Eli L. and Katie L. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, 69 Strasburg Pike, Lancaster by Samuel J. Stoltzfus, Maryland

John A., son of Christ K. and Katie Z. (Byler) King, Kinzers R1 and Emma G., daughter of Amos G. and Katie B. (Huyard) Esh, Gordonville R1 by D. Ira Stoltzfus

Aaron S., son of Jacob S. and Sadie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Christiana R1 and Emma P., daughter of Abner E. and Lizzie R. (Petersheim) Fisher, Bart by Samuel S. Kauffman

Daniel S., son of Daniel and Hannah Stoltzfus, Elverson R2 and Sadie, daughter of Samuel E. and Katie Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1

November 7

Benjamin E., son of Benjamin M. and Elizabeth (Esh) Kauffman, Bird-in-Hand R1 and Elsie D., son of Christ K. and Katie (Byler) King, Kinzers R1 by Joel K. Zook

David S. Jr., son of David S. and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) Zook, New Holland R1 and Elizabeth K., daughter of Henry A. and Rebecca (Lapp) Esh, Gordonville R1 by Levi E. Stoltzfus

Benjamin K., son of Lloyd M. and Mattie (King) Beiler, Narvon R2 and Katie Z., daughter of Joseph B. and Lydia (Zook) King, Lancaster R4 by Gideon M. Stoltzfus

Christian B., son of Aaron P. and Mary (Blank) Miller, Bird-in-Hand R1 and Rebecca L., daughter of Jonas F. and Katie (Lapp) Beiler, Ronks R1 by Benjamin S. Lapp

Samuel Aaron, son of Emma (Esh) Fisher and the late John F. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1 and Rachel K., daughter of Levi E. and Rebecca (King) King, Gordonville R1 by Daniel E. Stoltzfus

Amos K., son of Benueal K. and Lydia L. (King) Stoltzfoos, Gordonville R1 and Rachel L., daughter of Elam S. and Naomi S. (Stoltzfus) Glick, Leola R1 by John E. Smoker

Jacob M., son of Levi Z. and Mary M. (Miller) Fisher, Kirkwood R1 and Ariana S., daughter of Amos S. and Sylvia (Stoltzfus) Glick, Lancaster by Christian M. Fisher

November 12

Amos E., son of Stephen U. and the late Barbara (Stoltzfus) Zook, New Holland R1 and Annie L., daughter of Samuel S. and Elizabeth (Fisher) Zook, Christiana R1 by Aaron Y. Beiler

Aaron E., son of Levi L. and Sara (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Leola R1 and Sara K., daughter of John P. and Sarah (King) Esh, Bird-in-Hand R1 by Aaron Esh

Samuel S., son of Daniel K. and Sara S. (Stoltzfus) King, Quarryville R3 and Mary S., daughter of John M. and Elizabeth B. (Stoltzfus) Allgyer, Bird-in-Hand by Jonas L. Lapp

Moses G., son of John M. and Malinda F. (Esh) Stoltzfoos, Ronks R1 and Suvilla F., daughter of Daniel P. and Barbara B. (Stoltzfus) Kauffman, Honey Brook R1 by Gideon M. Stoltzfus

Jonas E., son of Joseph S. and Mattie (Esh) Fisher, Ronks R1 and Sadie L., daughter of Amos K. and the late Mary (Smucker) Zook, Ronks R1 by John F. Glick

John S., son of Isaac K. and Mary B. (King) Petersheim, Christiana R1 and Sarah F., daughter of Gideon B. and Elizabeth (Fisher) Lapp, Paradise R1 by Joel K. Zook

Moses G., son of Benjamin and Barbara (Glick) Riehl, Ronks R1 and Sylvia, daughter of Stevie S. and Lydia (Smucker) Esh, Gordonville R1 by Melvin Miller

Ivan L., son of Roy A. and Lizzie K. Stoltzfus, Leola R1 and Rebecca B., daughter of Christian E. and Elizabeth S. (Beiler) Fisher, Paradise R1

November 14

Benjamin, son of Joel F. and Susie (Petersheim) King, Leola R1 and Mary, daughter of John and Emma (Glick) Zook, Gordonville R1 by Edward Nissley, Illinois
 Benuel B., son of Christ E. and Elizabeth (Beiler) Fisher, Paradise R1 and Esther K., daughter of Gideon B. and Mary E. (King) Fisher, Ronks R1 by Amos E. King
 Jacob S., son of Eli S. and Emma S. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1 and Lydia E., daughter of Amos L. and Annie M. (Esh) Lapp, Ronks R1 by Amos S. Lapp
 Benuel K., son of Stephen E. and Rebecca (King) Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1 and Anna S., daughter of Daniel L. and Hannah (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Narvon R1 by Daniel E. Stoltzfus
 John J., son of Gideon L. and Naomi (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1 and Ada M., daughter of John M. and the late Fannie (Stoltzfus) Glick, 99 Zook lane, Lancaster by Samuel J. Stoltzfus, Maryland
 Benjamin S., son of Elam and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Miller, Leola R1 and Arie K., dau of Abner S. and Hannah (King) Glick, Christiana R1 by John S. Glick
 Moses L., son of Henry A. and Rebecca K. (Lapp) Esh, Gordonville R1 and Lizzie B., daughter of John J. and Barbara S. (Beiler) Lapp, New Holland R1 by Melvin Miller

November 19

Amos S., son of Jonathan B. and Mary (Esh) Fisher, Coatesville R3 and Anna S., daughter of David W. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Glick, Lancaster by John E. Smoker
 Jonas K., son of Benjamin L. and Sadie (King) King, Bird-in-Hand R1 and Susie K., daughter of Jacob L. and Mary F. (King) Lapp, Ronks R1 by Amos E. King
 John K., son of Jonas S. and Katie (King) Lapp, Ronks R1 and Rebecca, daughter of David J. and Katie K. (Stoltzfus) Smucker, Narvon R1 by Jonas S. Lapp
 Christ K., son of Christ S. and Anna D. (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Leola R1 and Naomi, daughter of Joshua L. and Nancy (Beiler) Zook, Quarryville R3 by Enos M. Beiler
 Joseph K., son of Abner S. and Hannah (King) Glick, Christiana R1 and Fannie F., daughter of Levi P. and Annie (Stoltzfus) Kauffman, Honey Brook by Jacob M. Stoltzfus
 Amos F., son of Jacob S. and Katie S. (Fisher) Stoltzfoos, Kinzers R1 and Anna R., daughter of Samuel M. and Mary L. (Riehl) Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1 by David L. Riehl
 David L., son of Samuel S. and Elizabeth (Fisher) Zook, Christiana R1 and Mary E., daughter of Joseph S. and Susie (Esh) Kauffman, Christiana R1 by Samuel S. Kauffman

November 21

Levi S., son of Samuel K. and Rachel K. (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Christiana R1 and Susie S., daughter of Aaron J. and Mary (Stoltzfus) Glick, Bird-in-Hand R1 by Levi E. Stoltzfus
 Jacob B., son of Samuel S. and Lizzie F. (Stoltzfus) Lapp, Ronks R1 and Suvilla E., daughter of Lizzie (Esh) and the late Jacob K. King, Honey Brook R1
 Elam E., son of Sara P. (Esh) and the late David K. King, Gordonville R1 and Sadie E., daughter of Lizzie (Esh) and the late Jacob K. King, by Isaac H. Zook, Lebanon County
 Amos F., son of Levi and Leah (Fisher) Miller, Paradise R1 and Susie F., daughter of Amos S. and Lavina K. (Fisher) Huyard, New Holland R1 by Amos E. King
 Abram B., son of Andrew K. and Katie E. (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Oxford R1 and Katie L., daughter of Annie (Lapp) and the late Isaac Lapp, Intercourse

November 26

Reuben s., son of Samuel J. and Susan S. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1 and Rebecca S., daughter of Gideon B. and Mary Z. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1
 Eli B., son of Christian L. and Mary C. (King) Stoltzfus, Narvon R2 and Mima, daughter of Gideon B. and Mary Z. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, by Peter Yoder, Aylmer, Ontatio, Canada
 Jacob B., son of Samuel E. and Katie (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Ronks R1 and Elizabeth F., daughter of Amos K. and Rachel (Fisher) King, Hessdale by John J. Yoder
 Benjamin S., son of Amos L. and Sara E. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Christiana (formerly of Littlestown, Pa.) and Christiana R., daughter of John S. and Christiana (Riehl) Dienner, Gap R1 by D. Ira Stoltzfus

November 28

Daniel M., son of Jacob E. and Mary (Miller) Beiler, Ronks R1 and Esther S., daughter of Benuel and Sadie S. (Stoltzfus) Smucker Lancaster by David K. Blank

November 26

Christ F., son of Benjamin F. and Annie B. (Fisher) Beiler, Paradise R1 and Lydia Ann, daughter of Daniel S. and Sarah S. (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Churchtown by Gideon Stoltzfus

November 28

John S., son of Aaron E. and Mary (King) Fisher, Paradise R1 and Susie S., daughter of Levi J. and Mary (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Bird-in-Hand R1 by John M. Beiler
 Levi E., son of Ephraim D. and Rebecca S. (Esh) Riehl, Leola R1 and Malinda S., daughter of Benuel S. and Katie (Stoltzfus) King Honey Brook R1 by Aaron Esh
 Henry M., son of Jerry and Mattie (Miller) Stoltzfus, Leola R1 and Lizzie, daughter of Sarah P. (Esh) and the late David K. King, Gordonville R1 by Peter Yoder, Canada
 Christian B., son of Joel Z. and Rachel F. (Glick) Zook, Kinzers R1 and Sarah E., daughter of Amos L. and Susie S. (Fisher) Fisherm Ronks R1 by D. Ira Stoltzfus
 Samuel K., son of John S. and Annie K. (King) Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1 and Lydia S., daughter of Isreal M. and Nancy (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Christiana by Jonas S. Lapp
 John B., son of Daniel and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Miller, Bird-in-Hand R1 and Katie F., daughter of John L. and Katie (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Christiana R1

December 3

Elam F., son of Amos K. and Mary A. (Fisher) Lapp, Leola R1 and Fannie K., daughter of John L. and Rebecca S. (King) Fisher, Honey Brook R1 by Benjamin S. Lapp

Moses K., son of Phares and Annie (King) Stoltzfus, Ronks R1 and Leah F., daughter of Samuel B. and Lydia (Fisher) King, Ronks R1

John S., son of John E. and Emma B. (King) King, Paradise R1 and Fannie L., daughter of Samuel B. and Lydia (Fisher) King by Amos S. Lapp

David S., son of David E. and Fannie L. (Smucker) Fisher, Paradise R1 and Rachel S., daughter of Henry R. and Susie S. (Stoltzfoos) Stoltzfus, Leola R1 by Jonathan F. King

December 5

Aquilla E., son of Amos L. and Barbara (Esh) Smucker, Ronks R1 and Rachel E., daughter of Samuel S. and Sara (Esh) Kauffman, Christiana R1 by Jonathan F. King

Jonathan S., son of Daniel S. and Elizabeth R. (Stoltzfus) Esh, Paradise R1 and Malinda S., daughter of Amos S. and Barbara B. (Stoltzfus) Lapp Strasburg R1

Elam F., son of Amos L. and Susie (Fisher) Fisher, Ronks R1 and Emma S., daughter of Amos S. and Barbara B. (Stoltzfus) Lapp by Isaac H. Zook, Lebanon County, Pa.

John K., son of Joel K. and Mary K. (King) Zook, Quarryville R3 and Lydia B., daughter of John S. and Anna K. (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Christiana R1 by Joel K. Zook

December 10

Abram F., son of Daniel F. and Leah (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Ronks R1 and Katie B., daughter of Daniel Z. and Mary Y. (Beiler) Fisher, Gordonville R1 by Aaron Y. Beiler

David I., son of John E. and Sadie B. (Zook) Glick, Gap R1 and Dora K., daughter of Abner R. and Fannie S. (King) Glick, Gap R1 by Gideon M. Stoltzfus

December 17

John S., son of Samuel M. and Katie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Christiana R1 and Fannie F., daughter of Jacob F. and Rebecca F. (Kauffman) Esh, Paradise R1 by Daniel E. Stoltzfus

BAPTISMS (Lancaster County, Pennsylvania)

North West Upper Millcreek

Moses, son of Daniel S. and Barbara Glick; Omar, son of Paul and Annie Stoltzfus; Rebecca, daughter of Elam and Naomi Glick; Rebecca, daughter of Daniel S. and Barbara Glick; Barbara, daughter of Amos and Malinda Stoltzfus; Sadie, daughter of Paul and Annie Stoltzfus; Lavina, daughter of Christian and Rebecca Lapp; Rebecca, daughter of Joseph and Susie Glick;

North Groffdale by D. Ira Stoltzfus and Levi E. Stoltzfus

Christian S. and John P., sons of Joel F. and Susie King; Amos, son of Amos M. and Katie Stoltzfus; John E., son of Emanuel S. and Katie Lapp; David R., son of Noah S. and Mary Zook; Levi F., son of Amos F. and Lavina Huyard; John L., son of David L. and Bena Beiler; Christian L., son of Eli K. and Annie Beiler; LeRoy E., son of Emanuel and Katie Lapp; John K., son of John J. and Barbara Lapp; Benueal B., son of Stephen U. and the late Barbara Zook; Moses B., son of Noah S. and Mary Zook; Jonas F., son of Ammon S. and Malinda Stoltzfoos; Katie, daughter of Amos M. and Katie Stoltzfus; Mary B., daughter of Leroy S. and Lizzie Smucker; Emma, daughter of Joel F. and Susie King; Sarah, daughter of Amos F. and Lavina Huyard; Rebecca, daughter of Eli K. and Annie Beiler; Elizabeth E., daughter of David L. and Bena Beiler; Anna B., daughter of Elam F. and Sarah Huyard; Sylvia E., daughter of Emanuel and Katie Lapp; Rebecca, daughter of Amos M. and Katie Stoltzfus

Conestoga by Amos E. King

Wilmer, son of John and Sadie Zook; Christian, son of Elmer and Fannie Smucker; Amos Jr., son of Sarah and the late Amos Smucker; Jonas, son of Katie and the late Daniel King; David, son of Isaac and Mattie Zook; Ammon, son of John M. and Katie Stoltzfus; Ivan, son of Daniel S. and Mary Stoltzfus; Sylvan, son of John and Sadie Zook; Sarah, daughter of Elmer and Fannie Smucker; Mary, daughter of Sarah and the late Amos Smucker; Fannie, daughter of David and Katie Smucker; Rebecca, daughter of Katie and the late Daniel King

Lower Pequea - Spring Garden by John F. Glick

Jake, son of Amos and Lydia Lapp; Christ, son of Gideon and Rebecca Riehl; Jake, son of Elam and Arie Riehl; Lizzie, daughter of Jacob and Katie Blank; Hannah, daughter of Amos and Lydia Lapp; Sarah, daughter of Christ and Mary Beiler; Katie, daughter of Tobias and Miriam King; Rebecca, daughter of Amos and Leah Allgyer; Susie, daughter of Gideon and Rebecca Riehl

Lower Millcreek - Centerville by Aaron Esh and Jonas S. Lapp

Jonas, son of Jacob E. and Annie Beiler; Benueal, son of David Y. and Ada Lapp; Rachel, daughter of Daniel E. and Mary King; Nancy, daughter of Gideon B. and Sally Beiler; Ruth, daughter of Jacob E. and Annie Beiler; Lena, daughter of David Y. and Ada Lapp; Ada, daughter of Leroy K. and Leah Stoltzfus

Mascot by Aaron Esh

Amos, son of Benjamin and Barbara Riehl; Christian, son of Henry and Malinda Esh; Rachel, daughter of Henry and Malinda Esh; Emma, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Stoltzfus; Ada, daughter of Daniel and Rachel Miller

Upper Pequea - Soudersburg by Christian M. Fisher
 Sylvan, son of Sylvan and Mima Stoltzfus; Jesse, son of Gideon and Lizzie Lapp; Benjamin, son of Benjamin and Salome Fisher

Upper Pequea - Ronks by John M. Beiler
 John B., son of Phares and Mary Beiler; John K., son of Jacob L. and Mary Lapp; Susie Ann, daughter of Samuel H. and Lydia Beiler; Mary K., daughter of Samuel H. and Lydia Beiler; Katie B., daughter of Phares and Mary Beiler

Beaver Creek by Amos S. Lapp, September 28, 1968
 Daniel A., son of Daniel S. and Elizabeth R. Esh; Aaron, son of Aaron K. and Ruth Fisher; Miriam S., daughter of Amos S. and Barbara Lapp; Anna Mae, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Esh; Emma and Marian daughters of Paul J. and Lavina Stoltzfus

Quarryville by Amos S. Lapp
 Aaron and Christian, sons of John L. and Sarah Stoltzfus; Isaac, son of Aquilla and Mary King; Lizzie, Sarah and Barbara, daughters of Amos K. and Fannie Beiler; Rachel, daughter of John and Sadie Zook; Rebecca, daughter of Levi and Sarah Stoltzfus, Mt. Pleasant

East Georgetown by Amos L. Beiler
 Amos, son of Amos L. and Sarah Beiler; Jonas, son of John and Emma King; Emanuel, son of Isaac and Mary Petersheim; Amos, son of Isaac and Savilla King; Benjamin, son of Isreal and Nancy Beiler; Reuben, son of Jacob and Rebecca Esh; Jacob, son of David and Mary King; Benuel, son of Enos and Barbara King; Daniel, son of Levi and Naomi Smoker; Daniel, son of Daniel and Sarah King; Henry, son of Isreal and Nancy Beiler; Aquilla, son of David and Mary King; Rebecca, daughter of John and Annie Stoltzfus; Rachel, daughter of Isaac and Savilla King; Lydia, daughter of Amos and Sarah Beiler; Lizzie, daughter of Jacob and Rebecca Esh; Barbara, daughter of Christian and Sarah Miller; Barbara, daughter of Christ and Lizzie Fisher; Fannie, daughter of Samuel and Annie Zook

Nine Points
 Christ, son of Jacob and Sadie Stoltzfus; Christ, son of Barbara and the late John King; Samuel and Stephen, twin sons of Samuel and Rachel Fisher; Bennie, son of Samuel and Sarah Lapp; Jacob, son of Joseph and Susie Kauffman; Amos, son of Dan M. and Mary Stoltzfus; Joe son of Eli and Fannie Esh; Sarah, daughter of Jacob and Sadie Stoltzfus; Barbara, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Kauffman; Lydia, daughter of Samuel and Fannie Stoltzfus; Mary, dau of Samuel and Katie Stoltzfus; Fannie, daughter of Samuel and Rachel Fisher; Sarah, daughter of Bennie and Rachel Stoltzfus; Annie, daughter of Jacob and Sadie Stoltzfus; Sadie, dau of Samuel and Sarah Kauffman

ORDINATIONS

Lebanon East District, April 15, 1968 by Isaac Zook

Amos Esh, aged 35, ordained minister, in lot were David Zook, Amos Fisher, Jacob Stoltzfus, David King, Ben Lantz and Christ Lapp

South East Lower Pequea District, April 15

John Allgyer, aged 29, ordained minister, in lot were Abner Glick, Amos Blank and John Beiler

Mount Vernon District, April 22

Amos E. Stoltzfus, aged 39, ordained minister, in lot were Omar Stoltzfus, Levi Zook, Amos Fisher, Levi Esh, David King and Levi Fisher

Brush Valley, April 19

Elam Beiler, aged 39, ordained minister, in lot was Tobias Stoltzfus

Nine Points District, October 12

Samuel Kauffman, aged 44, ordained bishop, in lot was Sam Fisher

Dienerfersammlung

April 8 at Eli Kings, forstelling by Bishop Aaron Esh, 173 present

October 6 at Abner Glicks, forstelling by Bishop Aaron Esh, 176 present including Ezra Kanagy from Belleville, Pennsylvania

Church District Divisions

Lower Pequea North East District, October 27: The Old Philadelphia Pike to White Horse, then Cambridge Road north

Nine Points District, October 27: Bell Road to Oxford Road, left to Route 896, right on Route 896

Georgetown East District, October 27: Route 372 north from Georgetown, homes along this road belong to east side

Barn fire on Nvgvember 20, 1968

The barn on the farm of Elam Zook, Christiana R1 burned to the ground. Fire was started from a feed grinder. Most of the contents were destroyed, including 3 colts, 1 horse, several young hieifers, a bull and a dog. The cows were all saved. Fire started at 4 p.m. and some firemen stayed all night and the next day. The raising for the new barn was 2 weeks after the fire.

ARTHUR, ILLINOIS

Marriages of 1968

April 4, Addlai S., son of Sam H. and Verna E. (Yoder) Miller and Ella L., daughter of Louis J. and Maryann I (Yoder) Yoder

July 12, Melvin M., son of Menno J. and Sarah (Burkholder) Miller and Clara S., daughter of Bishop Steve A. and Katieann (Yoder) Kaufman

August 29, Marvin D., son of David K. and Lena (Bontrager) Helmuth and Sarahann R., daughter of Rudy D. and Elizabeth J. (Miller) Otto

September 26, Reuben J., Stutzman married to Fannie Louise, daughter of Otis S. and Fannie Diener Otto

November 7, Obed E., son of Crist and Milly (Bontrager) Herschberger and Lorene, daughter of Cris N. and Lizzieann (Miller) Bontrager

November 21, Willard B., son of Ben A and Barbara (Otto) Miller and Katie F., dau of Fred and Esther (Miller) Schrock

December 25, Edward J., son of Joel and Savilla (Miller) Schrock and Mary Ellen, daughter of Henry M. and Gertrude (Jess) Schrock

December 31, Eli J., son of Joe D. and Amanda (Otto) Yoder and Rosemary J., daughter of Joni J. and Anna J. (Schrock) Plank

Deaths of 1968

January 19, Lizzie (Gingerich), wife of Clarence Stutzman, aged 57 yrs. 2 mo. and 4 da.

February 22, Maryan (Helmuth) Beachey Stutzman, aged 73 yr, 10 mo. She was first married to Simeon Beachey, who died December 11, 1945, married second time to Elmer Stutzman who survives.

April 24, Mary (Yoder) Schlabaugh, lingered several years with arthritis, aged 65 y, 5 m.

July 7, Olen, son of Ammon and Ida (Brenneman) Miller met death in an auto accident in Ohio at the age of 19.

July 6, Raymond, son of Alvin J. and Clara (Miller) Plank met death in an auto-accident in Ohio at the age of 23 years.

August 19, Preacher Noah M. Otto died of cancer at the age of 73 yr. 3 mo. and 10 d.

Marriages of 1969

January 21, William C., son of Bishop Cris E. and Malinda (Miller) Otto and Dorthy E., daughter of Edward J. and Millie (Mast) Gingerich

March 20, Clarence H., son of Henry and Ella (Plank) Stutzman and Anna A., daughter of Bishop Andy J. and Cora (Stutzman) Kaufman

August 9, Widower Christ Miller from Indiana and Widow Anna Brenneman

August 17, Widower Enos Beachey from Ohio and Widoe Polly Beachey

Deaths of 1969

January 23, Sarah (Troyer) Graber, wife of Deacon Joe S. Graber, aged 55 yr., 11 mo and 28 days of Cancer

February 2, Anna (Yoder) Miller wife of L.A. Miller, aged 89 yr., and 2 mo.

L.A. died July 27, 1965, aged 86 yr, invalid 10 years

May 17, Miss Anna D. Yoder, aged 79 yr., 9 mo. and 16 days

July 26, Mrs. Susie (Miller) Kaufman, aged 65 yr., 9 mo. and 4 days

August 19, Deacon Andy A. Miller, aged 47 yr.; and 3 months

September 23, Mike J. Schrock, aged 80 yr. from heart attack



VERHANDLUNGEN der siebenten jährlichen DIENER-VERSAMMLUNG der
AMISCHEN MENNONITEN-BRÜDERSCHAFT, gehalten Am 31, May, und den 1, 2, und 3, Juni, 1868,
in der Nahe von Belleville, Mifflin Co. Penn.

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VERHANDLUNGEN

Der siebenten jährlichen Versammlung der Amischen Mennoniten-Diener and Brüderschaft-1868

Gemäsz einem Beschlusz der letztjährigen Versammlung versammelte sich eine grosze Zahl Brüder und Schwestern am Wohnort von dem Bruder Christian B. Peachey, nahe bei Belleville, Mifflin Co., Penn., am Pfingstsonntag. (Mai 31ten, 1868,) in gottesdienstlicher Versammlung. Nachdem ein Lied abgesungen war, hielt Mose B. Miller eine kurze Einleitungsrede. Dann folgte ein Gebet und eine aufmunternde und ein dringende Predigt von dem bejahrten Bruder Mose Miller. Der Vormittagsgottesdienst wurde dann mit einem Gebet und einem Lied geschlossen.

Nachmittags wurde wiederum gesungen, dann eine Ermahnung von Salomon Yoder; Gebet. Dann eine Lehre von Sem König. Die vier ersten Capitel der Apostelgeschichte wurden während des Tages abgelesen, auch wurden die Lehren von mehreren Brüdern bezeugt. Die Versammlung wurde mit Gebet und dem Absingen eines Liedes geschlossen.

ERSTER TAG

Montag, den 1sten Juni, 1868

Die Versammlung wurde mit Gesang eröffnet; dann folgte eine Ermahnung und ein Gebet von Johann R. Joder. Dann wurde von S. Joder, Johann R. Joder, von Wayne Co., Ohio, als Vorsitzter vorgeschlagen und von der Versammlung einstimmig dazu erwählt, und Sem König, von Lawrence Co., Penn., wurde einstimmig als Gehülfe erwählt. Hierauf las Johann R. Joder, Vorsitzter, die Regeln vor, die bei der Conferenz in Illinois ahgenommen wurden. Sie wurden wiederum einstimmig als die Regeln dieser Versammlung angenommen, sowie auch die Regeln der letztjährigen Versammlung. Die Regeln lauten wie folgt:

(Illinois,) -- Erstens soll diese Versammlung gehalten werden um uns aus Grund Gottes Wort zu erbauen, uns nicht um Gesetze oder unevangelische Beschlusse zu machen.

Zweitens soll is jedem Diener erlaubt sein, seine Ansicht Öffentlich zu erklären, aber nicht länger als zwanzig Minuten auf einmal zu reden.

Drittens soll es nicht erlaubt sein, dasz mehr als einer auf einmal redet, und wohl zugesehen werden, dasz denselben Niemand störe oder in die Rede fällt.

Viertens soll es dem Wortführer und dessen Mitgehülfe erlaubt sein, alles Untergespräch und Unruhe zu bestrafen.

Fünftens soll jeder Diener, der hier als ein Mitarbeiter beiwohned will, sich nicht weigern, auf Begehren des Wortführers, seine Gabe die er von Gott empfangen hat, darzureichen.

Sechstens soll jeder, der sich erklären will, aufstehen zu reden und eine laute und deutliche Sprache führen.

Siebtens sollen alle Artikel, die in dieser Versammlung verhandelt werden sollen, schriftlich sein.

Achtens soll der Wortführer und dessen Mitgehülfe das Recht haben, alle Artikel oder Fragen, die ver die gebracht werden mögen, und von ihnen nützlich oder erlaublich angesehen, vorzuenthalten.

Neuntens soll es des Wortführers Pflicht sein, alle hier erwähnten Artikel in Kraft zu setzen. Die Versammlung und Verhandlungen mögen von Tag zu Tag fortgesetzt werden, bis zur Entscheidung der Mehrheit der Diener.

Regeln der letztjährigen Versammlung. -- Erstens ist es beschlossen, dasz alle Verhandlungen der früheren Versammlungen die zu einem Beschlusz gebracht worden sind. in Kraft gesetzt werden, es sei denn, dasz ein schriftmäsiger Beweis vor die allgemeine Versammlung gebracht, die diejenigen, die nicht in Kraft gesetzt werden, unschriftmässig sein.

Zweitens soll kein Diener, der ein Arbeiter an der Versammlung ist, ein Recht haben, nachgehends etwas davon zu ändern ohne zuvor der Versammlung einen schriftmäsigen Beweis einzureichen, dasz es unschriftmässig ist, oder vom Wort Gottes abführet und auf solche Art ein Schaden ist.

Der Herr wolle deinen Sagen dazu gaben durch Jesum Christum. Amen.

E. F. Detweiler, Allensville, Pa., und J. R. Hertzler, McVeytown, Pa., wurden dann als Schreiber erwählt.*

Weil die Vormittagssitzung sich nun ziemlich verzogen hatte, wurde sie geschlossen mit Ermahnungen von Johannes Werrey und Joseph Joder, und einem Gebet und Lied.

*Weil es begehrt wurde die Verhandlungen ausführlich geschrieben zu haben, so haben wir versucht also zu thun. -- Die Schreiber.

NACHMITTAGS-SITZUNG

Bei Eröffnung wurde ein Lied gesungen, und dann bemerkt, dass die Versammlung jetzt bereit sei ihre Arbeit anzufangen.

Erstens wurde die folgende Frage vorgestellt: Kann es als schriftmässig anerkannt werden, dass einer, der ein Bruder war und sich als Soldat anwerben liess um im Militär zu dienen, und dort verwundet wurde, und jetzt nach den Landesgesetzen eine Pension erhält, in die Gemeinde aufgenommen werden und die Pension fortziehen kann?

Die Frage wurde dem folgenden Rath übergeben: Elias Rhiel, Jonathan Zug, Johannes Joder, Mose B. Miller und Christian Zug.

Zweitens, kam die folgende Frage vor: Ist es nach der Schrift recht sich an die Wahrsager zu wenden und forschen von den Zeichen - Deutern?

Johannes Stoltzfus meinte es sei nicht nothwendig diese Fragen einem Rath zu übergeben. Es wurde dann von einer Anzahl Brüder weitläufig darüber gesprochen. Salomon Joder sonderlich stellte die Drohungen des alten Gesetzes vor. Wir als die Wächter auf den Mauern Zions sind nicht frei wenn wir in dieser Sache still schweigen. Man soll die Gemeinde allezeit vor solchem gewarnt haben und dann jeden Uebertreter nach der Schrift strafen.

Mose Herz wollte wissen mit welcher Art Strafe einer in dieser Sache begriffen gestraft werden sollte.

Johann R. Joder antwortete: Manche Jungen gehen unbesonnen in die Sache, andere aber mit Vorsatz, darum muss die Strafe sich nach dem Umstand und dem Beweggrund schicken. Dem König stimmte mit diesem überein.

Mose Miller sagte: Ein Bruder der weisze, dass solches verboten ist und der dennoch einen ausser der Gemeinde stehenden bewegt, einen Wahrsager seinethalben zu befragen, der macht sich strafwürdig.

Jonathan Joder. Was unrecht ist für einen Bruder zu dem sollte er Niemand bewegen oder versuchen.

Es wurde entschieden und ernstlich gegen diese Sacht geredet und dann beschlossen, dass Forschen und Fragen nicht erlaubt sein soll.

Drittens wurde dann gefragt: Ist es recht nach dem Evangelium wenn uns etwas gestohlen wird, den Dieb zu verfolgen und von der Obrigkeit ins Gefängnis zu werfen und strafen zu lassen?

Zuerst wurde eine weitläufige Unterredung gehalten, angehend der Art in welcher die Frage vorgestellt werden sollte. Während dieser Unterredung machten Salomon Joder und Daniel Nafziger etliche Bemerkungen in welchen sie folgenden Vorfall erzählten: Ein Dieb hatte ein Pferd von einem Bruder gestohlen und es zu einem andern Manne verkauft. Als die That und Licht kam gab der Mann den Dieb der Obrigkeit an und er wurde vor das Gericht gebracht, wo er aber durch die Gelingigkeit des Bruders (der nicht vor das Gericht ging um gegen ihn zu zeugen) freigelassen wurde, und dadurch also in seinem Gemüth beschämt und geschlagen wurde, dass er hernach selbst zu einem Bruder sagte, dass er niemals wieder stehlen würde, und dass ihm seine Bosheit sehr leid sei.

Joh. Stoltzfus, (Pequea) beehrte weitere Erklärung über die Frage. Er las 1 Petri 2, 23-14 und fragte dann ob es eine Sünde sei den dieb nur der Obrigkeit anzugeben.

Jetzt kam der Rath über die erste Frage vor die Versammlung und berichtete wie folgt:

BERICHT.

Wir erkennen den Kriegesdienst für unevangelisch, welcher mit wahrer Reue und Leidenwesen verbessert werden muss und auch mit Ablassen und Absagen von allem was dazu gehört, oder was die Golgen davon sind, unter welchen sich auch Pensionen befinden. Ferner, so es die Noth erfordert, ist es der Gemeinde Pflicht die Armen zu versorgen, anstatt Pensionen zu ziehen.

Der Bericht wurde einstimmig angenommen und die Versammlung wendete sich dann zur Verhandlung der dritten Frage Zurück.

Elias Rhiel, Samuel Joder und Mose B. Miller hielten das Anerbieten einer Belohnung für die Zurückbringung eines gestohlenen Guts als unevangelisch. Johann Joder, und Jonathan Joder sprachen noch weiter über diese Frage. Dann wurde die Frage folgendem Rath übergeben: Mose Miller, Johann Hertzler, Johann Mast, Johann Stoltzfus, (Grafenthal,) und Samuel Joder. Während der Abwesenheit des Rathes ermahnte Michael Schlonecker die versammelten Zuhörer zur Treue und Einigkeit; und Johann Stoltzfus (Pequea) las eine Betrachtung über die Taufe.*

Der Rath berichtete dann wie folgt:

BERICHT.

Wir erkennen es für unevangelisch einen Dieb der Obrigkeit zu überliesen um ihn gestraft zu haben, dieweil wir als wehrlos erkennen, und uns nach der Apostel Lehre, nicht rachen sollen.

Mose Miller fragte ob nicht Beamten unter der Obrigkeit seien, deren Pflicht es sei, solche Uebertreter anzuklagen.

Dem Zug entwortete, dass in Pennsylvania die "Grand Jury" und der "Staats-Anwalt" verpflichtet sind, solche Falle vor das Gericht zu bringen.

*Diese "Betrachtung" ist am Schluss dieses Hestes beigelegt.

Johann R. Joder, Mose Miller, Jonathan Joder, Salomon Joder, Johann Stoltzfusz, (Pequea,) David J. Zug und Johann Joder redeten weiter darüber. Elias Rhiel bemerkte: So bald wir uns Vorstelleng machen wie es uns gehen möchte, kommen wir in Versuchung. Wir sollten nicht denken, wenn wir so und so thun, wie werden wir leben! Soweit die Menschen in Glauben stehen, brauchen sie keine Obrigkeit. Weil es aber vorgesehen wurde, dasz die Menschen sich nicht all zum Christlichen Leben bekehren würden, hat Gott die Obrigkeit verordnet.

Der Bericht über die dritte Frage wurde dann von einer beträchtlichen Mehrheit angenommen. Es würde aber zu verstehen gegeben, dasz diese Frage von der Wehrlosigkeit und ihrem Verhältnisz zu der Obrigkeit noch in einer andern Gestalt vorkommen würde.

Nach einer Ermahnung von Jonathan Schmucker und Gebet und Gesang vertagte sich die Versammlung.

ZWEITER TAG.

Dienstag, den 2ten Juni, 1868

Die Versammlung wurde mit Singen und einer Kurzen Rede von Elias Rhiel und Gebet eröffnet.

Die folgende Frage (die Vierte) angesehen als eine Veränderung der dritten, wurde dann dem Rath über die dritte Frage übergeben und Salomon Joder und Johann Stoltzfusz, (Pequea,) wurden dem Rath beigesügt.

Kann es nach dem Evangelium erlaubt werden die Gewalt der Obrigkeit in einiger Hinsicht zu gebrauchen?

Etliche Brüder neinten es konnte kein Mittel oder allgemeine Regel getroffen werden, zu dem jeder unter diese Frage kommende Fall sich sugen wurde; endere aber wünschten die Frage einem Rath übergeben zu haben, weil sie glauben, die Frage konnte in solcher Gestalt beantwortet werden, dasz dadurch viele Schwierigkeiten geschlichtet werden könnten wenn nicht gar verhütet.

Mose Miller meinte ein Mittel könnte leicht gefunden werden wenn die sache nicht schon so lange geruht worden und so in die Bruderschaft eingewachsen ware. Wir können nicht wohl ein Gesetz im Verhältnisz zu diesem Gegenstand beschlieszen. Es ist die Hälfte von der Sache mit den Umständen und den Beweggründen bekannt zu sein.

Der Rath trat ab und in seiner Abwesenheit wurde eine Frage (die funfte) angehend des Kleider- und Harr-Schmuckes und des "Flutterputzes" an den Kindern vorgebracht. Mose Miller, Sem König, Joh. R. Joder und etliche andere redeten ernstlich gegen solche Sachen und dann wurden sie einstimmig von der Versammlung als unevangelisch erklart.

Sechste Frage: Es wird zu wissen begehrt, ob es einem (der sich Bruder nennen lässt) nach dem Evangelium erlaubt werden kann, solche Handelosschaft zu treiben als Kaufladen (Store) halten, Post-Office, Expresz-Office und dergleichen weltliche Aemter mehr zu Bedienen?

Wenn solches nicht zu erlauben ist, was ist zu thun mit einem der sich weigert von solchen Geschäften abzulassen?

Jonathan Joder, Elias Rhiel, Daniel Nafziger, Johann P. König und Mose B. Miller wurden als Committee ernannt.

Weil der Rath über die vierte Frage noch im Geheimen an seiner Arbeit war, hielten Mose Herz und Paul P. Herschberger kurze Ermahnungen.

Dann wurden Erklärungen über etliche Schriftstellen gemacht. Joh. R. Joder machte auf Begehren eines Bruders, einige Bemerkungen über Matthaus 18, 15-17. Er versteht diese Schriftstelle als jede Beleidigung eines Bruders anzurühren, zum Beispiel: einen Riegel von eines Bruders Fens zu legen, wodurch schädliche Folgen zu seinem wachsenden Getreide kommen. Gibt der Verbrecher dann einer brüderlichen Ermahnung Gehör, so ist er gewonnen. Hört er aber nicht, so ist es die Pflicht des beleidigten Bruder noch ein oder zwei Brüder mit sich zu nehmen. Hört er die nicht so soll er vor die Gemeinde gebracht werden, und gibt er dann noch Gehör und bittet um Vergebung, so soll kein Urtheil über ihn Gefallt werden. Gibt er aber nicht Gehör so sollte ihm die Bruderschaft entsagt werden und er sollte gemeiden werden, obschon Brüder sind die Einwendungen dagegen machen und die Sache nicht also verstehen. Sem König gab auch Zeugnisz zu diesem. Es wurde weiter gesagt dasz solche Strafe auf eine grosze oder kleine Sünde zwischen Bruder und Bruder folgen sollte; und dasz einer der sich in solcher Sache nicht verhören lassen will und der unversöhnlich ist in der Gemeinde nicht bestehen kann.

Joseph Joder: Kann ein Glied der Gemeinde, welche die Meidung von einem Abgesonderten nicht halt, in der Gemeinde bestehen?

Johann R. Joder antwortete, dasz ein solcher als ein ungehorsames Glied auch abgesondert werden musz.

Georg Z. Boller: Wenn mehrere Glieder die Meidung an einem Abgesonderten nicht halten, aber hernach sehen, dasz sie also nicht bestehen können und dann die Ordnung wahrnehmen, kann dann ihre vorige Ungehorsamkeit übersehen werden oder musz vorher eine Versöhnung geschehen?

Johann R. Joder antwortete: Die Diener sollten die Gemeinde warnen wenn ein Glied abgesondert wird. Sind dann einige ungehorsam so sollte eine Versöhnung geschehen, ehe die Ungehorsamkeit übersehen wird.

Die Vormittags-Verhandlungen wurden mit Gesang geschlossen.

NACHMITTAGS-SITZUNG.

Eröffnet wie gewöhnlich.

Der Rath über die vierte Frage berichtete wie folgt:

BERICHT.

Was die Rache und Gegenwehr betrifft, oder nderen Feinden mit dem Schwert oder andern Waffen zu widerstehen, davon halten wir, dasz solches dem Evangelium und der seligmachenden Lehre Jesu Christ zuwider und daher unevangelisch ist.

Wir halten es ebenfalls der wehrlosen Lehre Jesu Christi zuwider, Diebe oder andere Verbrecher oder solche die uns beleidigen der Obrigkeit zu überliefern. Wir halten es für pflichtmäßig in solchen Fällen mit der Gemeinde Rath zu halten, sowie auch in Fällen von Vormundschaft oder Administrator, in welchen wir uns verpflichten müssen nach den Landesgesetzen zu handeln und Rechnung zu geben.

Der Bericht wurde einstimmig angenommen.

Der Bericht auf die sechste Frage lautet wie folgt:

BERICHT.

Wir erkennen solche Handelsschaft und solche Aemter für unschicklich, und wo solche Stellen von Brüdern bedient werden, sehen wir es für recht an, dasz die Diener sie zuruckweisen, besonders wo solches Unfrieden verursacht; denn in Frieden hat uns Gott berufen, und wir billigen nicht, auch das Evangelium nicht, dasz der Gottesdienst durch irgend welche Handelsschaft oder Aemter vernachlässigt wird.

Jonathan Joder: Das Geschäft eines Kaufmans, Postmeisters oder Expresz-Agenten kann ich nicht verbieten helfen, sonst dürften wir auch nicht auf der Eisenbahn fahren noch Briefe durch die Post versenden, doch sehe ich nicht gern, dasz Brüder solche Stellen bedienen, weil die Wirkung oder der Einfluss solcher Geschäfte zur Abkühlung des christlichen Lebens ist.

Mose B. Miller: Was die Kaufmanschaft, wo nur die nöthigen Waaren gehalten werden, angeht, die kann ich nicht verbieten, wo aber in Luxus gehandelt, da wird Unrecht gethan.

Mose Miller ist gleicher Meinung. Wo man die Handelsschaft in höherem Grade treiben will, da wird Schaden entstehen.

Johann Stoltzfusz, (Pequea): Die Handelsschaft an sich selbst ist nicht unehrlich, aber "die Sünde sticht zwischen dem Käufer und dem Verkäufer, wie ein Nagel zwischen zwei harten Steinen."

Jonathan Zug meinte auch die Folgen solcher Handelschaft unter der Bruderschaft seien nicht gut.

Johann P. König, Daniel Nafziger und Johann R. Joder erachteten, dasz solcher Aemter oder Geschäfte nicht schicklich seien, und wo Lauheit des Lebens vorkommt, da sollte eine Anrede gethan werden, und wo entschiedene Falle von Abkühlung des christlichen Lebens und Vernachlässigung des Gottesdienst zum Vorschein kommen, sollten solche Geschäften dem Fehlgehenden verboten werden.

Der Bericht wurde wiederum abgelesen und dann einstimmig angenommen.

Siebtens wurde eine Frage gestellt angehend eines Ereignisses in Ohio, wodurch Uneinigkeit in der Bruderschaft in Logan und Champaign Cos., entstanden ist.

Mose B. Miller, Elias Rhiel, Jonathan Joder, Salomon Joder, Salomon Joder, Jonathan Zug und Georg Z. Boller wurden als Committee über diese Frage ernannt.

In der Abwesenheit der Committee wurde von Mose Miller eine liebevolle Rede auf den 23. Psalm gehalten. Dann folgte eine Ermahnung von Johann Stoltzfusz, (Grafenthal.)

Fragen wurden gestellt und Erklärungen über eine Anzahl Schriftstellen gemacht. Noch eine Ermahnung von Johann Werrey; dann wurden die Verhandlungen des Tags mit Gebet und Singen geschlossen.

DRITTER TAG.

Mittwoch, den 3ten Juni, 1868.

Die Verhandlungen wurden mit einem Lied, und eine Ermahnung und Gebet von Johann P. König angefangen.

Die Committee über die siebente Frage legte ihren Bericht vor die Verlammlung.

Es wurden über diesen Bericht bemerkungen gemacht von Joh. P. König, Johann Werrey, Jonathan Joder, Mose B. Miller, Mose Miller, Johann Joder, David Z. Zug, Elias Rhiel, Samuel Joder, Johann R. Joder, Hohann Stoltzfusz, (Pequea,) und Sem König. Kein einstimmiger Beschluss wurde erricht. Ein Lied wurde zum Schluss abgesungen.

NACHMITTAGS-SITZUNG.

Ein Lied wurde gesungen.

Sem Zug bemerkte, dasz er einen Versuch gemacht hatte un freie Eisenbahn-Zettel oder "Return Tickets" für die Brüder und Schwestern zu bekommen; es gelang ihm aber noch nicht.*

Die siebente Frage und der Bericht darauf wurden dann wiederum in Erwägung genommen, die Sache wurde aber zu keinem Schluss gebracht. Es wurde für nothwendig erachtet morgen

* An folgenden Morgen wurden "Return Tickets" von der Pennsylvania Eisenbahn Companie bekommen.

eine besondere Versammlung der Diener zu haben, um diesen Gegenstand weiter zu erwagen.*

Achtens wurde gefragt: Ist es einem abgesetzten Diener seine Schuldigkeit oder Pflicht, wieder bei der Gemeinde Anspruch zu machen um wiederum in den Dienst gesetzt zu werden, oder soll er mit Geduld warten bis er von dem bestätigten Diener und der Gemeinde dazu aufgefordert wird? Und kan ein abgesetzter Diener wiederum mit der Gemeinde Rath und Bewilligung und ohne durch das Loos in den Dienst gesetzt werden?

Diese Frage wurde Jonathan Joder, Samuel Joder, Mose Miller, Salomon Joder und Mose B. Miller übergaben.

Neuntens wurde folgende Frage eingegeben: Kann es nach dem Evangelium erlaubt werden an Circus, (Shows,) politische Versammlungen und Pol-Errichtungen zu gehen?

Solchen Versammlungen beizuwohnen würde einstimmig als ungebührlich für einen Nachfolger Christi angesehen.

Johann R. Joder sagte, es sei nicht ein Licht der Welt an solchen Versammlungen Theil zu nehmen.

Elias Rhiel: Es hat mich immer gedaucht, es sei nicht recht solchen Versammlungen beizuwohnen. Was die politischen Versammlungen angeht, davor sollten wir uns hüten und uns nicht zu viel in den gegenwertigen sogenannten "politischen Wahlkampf" einmischen. Wie sind mir denn ein Licht der Welt, wenn wir dem Jubelgeschrei und der Menschen-Berehrung nachmachen?

Der Bericht über die achte Frage lautete wie folgt:

BERICHT.

Es ist seine Pflicht sich als ein brauchbarer Bruder einzufinden und in Geduld zu stehen; und es ist nicht seine Pflicht Anspruch zu machen bis er wieder durch einstimmigen Rath oder Stimme, gefordert oder durch das Loos dazu berufen wird.

Der Bericht wurde einstimmig angenommen.

Es wurde beschlossen die nächste jährliche Versammlung bei der Bruderschaft in Holmes County, Ohio, in der gewöhnlichen Jahreszeit (Pfingsten) zu halten.

Zum Beschluß wurden noch zweckmäßige und ernsthafte Bemerkungen von Salomon Joder und Mose Miller gemacht, in welchen sie die Zuhörer von den unsichtbaren, ewigen und himmlischen Freuden, die allen treuen Nachfolgern Jesu Christi zu Theil werden sollen, unterrichteten. Eltern, wie auch die Jungend, wurden an ihre Pflichten erinnert.

Unterrichtung im Wort Gottes und Übung um Gebet wurden als Pflichten angesehen, die in Jeder Familie ernstlich und getreulich beobachtet werden sollten, und die nicht vernachlässigt werden können, ohne der Jugend groszen Schaden zu bringen.

Zum Schluß wendete sich die Versammlung noch einmal zu dem Thron der Gnade in Danksagung und mit Gebet für den Sagen Gottes und seinen gnadigen Schutz. Dann wurde noch ein Lied abgesungen und also vertagte sich die Versammlung.

NAMEN UND WOHNORT DER DIENER.

Elias Rhiel, Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania; Jonathan Zug, North Berne, Fairfield County, Ohio; Jonathan Joder, Farmsville, Woodford County, Illinois; Paul P. Herschberger, Walnut Creek, Holmes County, Ohio; Michael Schlonecker, Lewisville, Stark County, Ohio; Salomon Joder, Long Green, Baltimore County, Maryland; Sem König, Neu-Wilmington, Lawrence County, Pa.; Johann P. Mast, Morgantown, Berks County, Pa.; Mose Herz, Morgantown, Berks County, Pa.; Johann Stoltzfusz, Neu-Holland, Lancaster County, Pa.; Johann Stoltzfusz, Gap, Lancaster County, Pa.; Gideon Stoltzfusz, Gap, Lancaster County, Pa.; Johann Esch, Spruce Hill, Juniata County, Pa.; Jacob Rhiel, Academia, Juniata County, Pa.; Georg Z. Boller, Ligonier, Noble County, Indiana; Joseph Joder, Ligonier, Noble County, Indiana; Mose Miller, Shanesville, Tuscarawas County, Ohio; Johann Werrey, Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio; Joh. P. König, West Liberty, Logan County, Ohio; Samuel Plank, West Liberty, Logan County, Ohio; Jonathan Schmucker, Orrville, Wayne County, Ohio; Salomon Zug, Orrville, Wayne County, Ohio; Johann R. Joder, Orrville, Wayne County, Ohio; Johann Smiley, Summit, Wayne County, Ohio; Mose B. Miller, Johnstown Cambria County, Pa.; Daniel Nafziger, McVeytown, Mifflin County, Pa.; Michael Joder, McVeytown, Mifflin County, Pa.; Christian Zug, Menno, Mifflin County, Pa.; Christian Hertzler, Churchtown, Lancaster County, Pa. Johann Hertzler, Belleville, Mifflin County, Pa.; Samuel Joder, Belleville, Mifflin County, Pa. Enoch Zug, Belleville, Mifflin County, Pa.; Johann Joder, Belleville, Mifflin County, Pa.; David J. Zug, Allenville, Mifflin County, Pa.

*In dieser Versammlung, (Donnerstag den 4ten Juni) wurde der folgende Bericht über die siebente Frage einstimmig angenommen:

Bericht.-Johannas sagt: Thut rechtschaffene Früchte der Busze: Petrus sagt: Thut Busze und bekehret euch auf dasz eure Sünden vertilget werden u.s.w.-Der verlorene Sohn wurde wegen seiner wahren Umkehrung angenommen. Aus diesem entnehmen wir, dasz die wahre Busze nicht bewirkt werden kann, es sei denn, dasz der Sünder sich zuerst in einen solchen Stand begiebt, dasz er nach des Heilands und der Apostel Lehre in Jeder Hinsicht leben kann; daher wir einen Jeden der die Busze mit den Werken bezeugt (mit Rath und Bewilligung der Gemeinde) die Hand reichen mögen. Angehend die Früchte der Busze, so wollen wir dieselben nicht vorurtheilen, es musz aber in jeder Hinsicht von Denjenigen ein Licht auf den Leuchter gestellt werden, wenn er Christi Nachfolger sein will.

EINE BETRACHTUNG ÜBER DIE TAUFE.

Folgendes Schreiben von der Taufe wurde von Johannes Stoltzfusz eingereicht, verlesen und einstimmig angenommen, nämlich:

Eine Betrachtung über die Taufe; oder Einleitung zum sieventin Artikel unseres Glaubensbekenntnisses, welchen alle Gemeindeglieder für recht und evangelisch erkannt, und gelobet haben darnach zu leben und zu wandeln.

Geliebte Mitdiener, Brüder und Schwestern in dem Herrn: Dieses Schreiben ist nicht Jemand zu beleidigen, oder zu betrüben, o mein! sondern uns allen zur Lehr, zum Trost und Erbauung. Denn Paulus sagt, gäben ist seliger denn nehmen.

Weil zurjetzigen Zeit die Mode, Art oder Weise der Taufe im Wasser oder mit Wasser zu bedienen, so verschieden ist, und einige vielleicht meinen, die Taufe werde nicht am rechten Ort oder auf die rechte Art und Weise bedient; und vielleicht wieder andere sind, welche die eine oder andere Art und Weise zu taufen, für unrichtig oder vielleicht für gar keine Taufe halten. Daher ist es nothwendig, dass wir uns zu der Propheten- und der Apostel-Lehre wenden, um zu sehen was uns die Heilige Schrift hierwegen lehret.

Den Isrealiten wurde geboten, sich in gewissen Fallen mit Wasser zu baden. Lese 3 B. Mose 14, 15, und 17 Cap. Am 16, vom Baden der Preister, nach welchem alle, die den Befehl Gottes befolgten, rein wurden. Im 2. Könige 5 Cap. lassen wir von Naeman, dass er dadurch, dass er den Befehl Elisa befolgte, sich siebenmal im Jordan zu waschen, rein wurde. Jesaias 1 Cap. Waschet reiniget euch, thut euer böses Wesen von meinen Augen. Lasset ab vom Bösen. Lernet Gutes thun. Trachtet nach Recht. Helfet dem Unterdrückten. Schaffet den Waisen Recht und helfet der Wittwen Sache u. s. w. Im 44 Cap. Denn ich will Wasser giesen auf die Dürstigen und Ströme auf die Dürren. Ich will mein Geist auf deinen Saamen giesen, und meinen Segen auf deine Nachkommen. Hesekiel 36, Cap. Denn ich will euch aus den Heiden holen, und euch aus allen Ländern versammeln; und will reines Wasser über euch sprengen, dass ihr rein werdet von aller eurer Unreinigkeit. Ev. Matth. 3, Cap. Zu der Zeit kam Johannes der Täufer, und predigte in der Wüste des Jüdischen Landes und sprach: Thut Busse das Himmelreich ist nahe herbei gekommen. Da ging zu ihm hinaus die Stadt Jerusalem, und alle Länder am Jordan, wie auch das ganze Jüdische Land, und lieszen sich von ihm im Jordan taufen und bekannten ihre Sünden. Zu der Zeit kam Jesus aus Galilea zu Johann an den Jordan, dass er sich von ihm taufen liesze, und da Jesus getauft war, stieg er bald heraus aus dem Wasser, und siehe da that sich der Himmel auf über ihm, und Johannes sah den Geist Gottes, als eine Taube herabfahren und über ihn kommen und siehe, eine Stimme vom Himmel herab sprach: Dies ist mein lieber Sohn an welchem ich Wohlgefallen habe, und an einem andern Ort, den sollt ihr hören. Lucas 16. Cap. Das Gesetz und die Propheten weissagen bis auf Johannes; und von der Zeit an wird das Evangelium gepredigt und Jedermann dringet mit Gewalt hinein. Matth. 11. Cap. Aber von den Tagen Johannes des Taufers, bis hieher, leidet das Himmelreich Gewalt, und die Gewalt thun, die reizen es zu sich. Denn alle Propheten und das Gesetz haben geweissaget bis auf Johannes. Ev. Joh. 3. Cap. Darnach kam Jesus und seine Jünger in das Jüdische Land und hatte daselbst sein Wesen mit ihnen und taufte, wiewohl Jesus selbst nicht taufte, sondern seine Jünger. Johannes aber taufte auch noch zu Enon, nahe bei Salem, denn es war viel Wasser daselbst. Und sie kamen dahin und lieszen sich taufen. Es kamen auch die Zollner, dass sie sich von ihm taufen lieszen. Luc. 7. C. Und alles Volk das ihn hörte und die Zöllner gäben Gott Recht und lieszen sich taufen mit der Taufe Johannes; aber die Schriftgelehrten und Pharisäer erachteten Gottes Rath wider sich selbst, und lieszen sich nicht von ihm taufen. Math. 21. C. Jesus sprach zu ihnen: Wahrlich ich sage euch aber, die Zöllner und Huren mögen wohl eher ins Himmelreich kommen denn ihr. Johannes kam zu euch und lahrete euch den rechten Weg, und ihr glaubtet ihm nicht, aber die Zöllner und Huren glaubten ihm. Und ob ihr es sähet, thatet ihr dennoch nicht Busse, dass ihr ihm darnach geglaubt hattet. Ap. Gesch. 8. Cap. Philippus aber sprach, glaubest du von ganzem Herzen, so mag es wohl sein. Er antwortete und sprach: Ich glaube, dass Jesus Christ Gottes Sohn ist. Und er hiesz den Wagen halten und stiegen himab ins Wasser, beide Philippus und der Kämmerer, und er taufte ihn. Ap. Gesch. 10. Lesen wir: Und er hat uns geboten zu predigen dem Volk, und zu zeigen, dass er ist verordnet von Gott ein Richter der Lebendigen und der Todten. Von diesem zeugen alle Propheten, dass durch seinen Namen alle die an ihn glauben Vergebung der Sünden empfangen sollen. Da Petrus noch diese Worte redete, fiel der Heilig Geist auf all die dem Wort zuhörten. Da antwortete Petrus: Mag auch Jemand das Wasser wehren, dass diese nicht getauft werden die den heiligen Geist empfangen haben, gleich wie auch wir, und befahl sie zu taufen im Namen des Herrn. Froschauers Übersetzung sagt: Mag auch Jemand wehren, dass diese nicht im Wasser getauft werden. Ap. Gsch. 19. C. Paulus durchwandelte die obren Länder, und kam gen Ephesus und fand etliche Jünger, zu denen sprach er, habt ihr den heiligen Geist empfangen, da ihr gläubig worden sind? Sie sprachen: Wir haben auch nicht gehört ob ein heiliger Geist sei. Und er sprach zu ihnen: Worauf seid ihr denn getauft? Sie sprachen auf Johannes Taufe. Paulus aber sprach: Johannes hat getauft mit der Taufe der Busse und sagte dem Volk, dass die sollten glauben an den, der nach ihm kommen sollte, das ist an Jesum, dass er Christus sei. Da sie das hörten, lieszen die sich taufen auf den Namen des Herrn Jesu. Und da Paulus die Hände auf sie legte, kam der heilige Geist über sie, und redeten mit Zungen und weissagten. Titum an 3. C. Nicht um der Werke willen, der Gerechtigkeit die wir gethan hatten, sondern nach seiner Barmherzigkeit machte er uns selig, durch das Bad der Wiedergeburt und Erneuerung des heiligen Geistes. 1 Petri 3. Cap. In demselben ist er auch hingegangen und hat gepredigt den Geistern im Gefangnisz, die etwa nicht

nicht glaubten, da Gott niemals harrete und Geduld hatte zu den Zeiten Noa, da man die Arche zurüstete in welcher wenige, das ist acht seelen, 'behalten wurden durch das Wasser, welches nun auch uns selig macht in der Taufe, die durch jenes bedeutet ist. Nicht das Abthun des Unflats am Fleische, sondern der Bund eines guten Gewissens mit Gott, durch die Auferstehung Jesu Christi.

Nun laszt uns uns wenden zu den Zeugnissen der Martyrer, welche den namlichen Glauben bekannten, wie auch wir; und für welchen sie williglich Leib und Leben aufopfert.

Martyrer Spiegel, 1ster Theil, Seite 26 lesen wir von Clements, welcher von der Taufe Schreibt: Wer nun solches will, der gehe hin zu seinem Priester oder Lehrer, und höre von ihm die Geheimnisse des himmelreichs, und übe sich fleiszig im Fasten und prüfe sich selbst wohl in allem, auf dasz er dann nach drei Monaten getauft werden möge. Seite 41 schreibt Justinus, so viele nun überzeugt sind, und glauben fest, dasz dasjenige was von uns gelehrt und gesagt wird wahrhaftig sei, und verheissen es nach Vermögen also laben zu können, die werden ermahnet zu bitten und mit fasten die Vergebung der vorher begangenen Sünden von Gott zu begehren und wir selbst beten und Fasten mit ihnen. Hernach werden sie von uns zum Wasser geführt, und werden nach derselben Weise, der Wiedergeburt wiedergeboren, gleichwie wir selbst auch wiedergeboren sind; alsdann werden sie mit Wasser gewaschen in dem Namen Gottes, welcher unser aller Vater und Herr ist, und Jesu Christi, welcher unser aller Seligmacher und des heiligen Geistes ist. Denn Christus sagt, es sei denn, dasz ihr zum andernmal geboren werdet, so werdet ihr nicht in das Konigreich der Himmeln eingehen. Seite 44. Es ist zu wissen, dasz anfänglich die Glaubigen schlechthin im Flieszenden Wasser und in Brunnen getauft worden sind. Denn unser Herr Jesus Christus selbst, auf dasz er uns solches Bad heiligte, ist von Johann im Jordan getauft worden. Seite 72 schreibt Tertuliani: Wenn wir zum Wasser gehen, dasz wir von der Taufe anfangen, so bezeugen wir daselbst, gleichwie auch zuvor in der Gemeine, unter der Hand des Aufsahers, dasz wir absagen dem Taufel und allem seinem Anhang, und Engeln; darnach werden eir dreimal eingetaucht, was mehr sagt als der Herr im Evangelium beschlossen hat. Ferner, wenn wir in das Wasser hinein gegangen, und den christlichen Glauben auf die Worte seines Gesetzes bekennen, so gezeugen wir mit unserem Mund, dasz wir dem Teufel, seiner Pracht und seinen Engeln entsagt haben. Ferner, müssen diejenigen welche zu der Tauf gehen sollen, mit vielen Fasten, Beten, Kniebeugen, Wachen und Beten alle ihre vorherbegangene Sünden bekennen, damit sie auch die Taufe Johannes erklären mögen. Seite 73. Ferner ist kein Unterscheid zwischen denen die Johannes im Jordan, oder die Petrus im Tyber getauft um zu beweisen, dasz man im Anfang der Christenheit keine Taufsteine noch Kirchen gehabt. Seite 75 Justinus freuete sich dasz solche Wohlgelehrte sich unter das Joch Christi begeben wollten. Fieng an und catechisirte, das ist unterwies, sie hernach Wasser bringen liesz und taufte sie auf die Bekenntniss ihres Glaubens. Seite 102, woraus erhellet, dasz zur selbigen Zeit zu Jerusalem die Gewohnheit gewesen, welche auch lange hernach in vielen warmen Ländern noch im Gebrauch geblieben ist, dasz die Tauflinge in oder an den Wasserströmen getauft worden sind, und zum Theil oder mit dem ganzen Leib in das Wasser hinab und von da wieder heraufstiegen.

Seite 105. Der Durchgang der Juden durchs Rothe Meer, 1 Cor. 10. war ein Vorbild der zukünftigen Taufe, denn was dort Wasser war ist hier auch Wasser. Ja hier ist das Wasserbad und dort war es das Meer. Hier treten sie alle in das Wasser dort auch alle. Wollt ihr aber die Wahrheit der Sache erkennen. Dort würden sie aus Egypten erlöst, allhier aber von der Abgötterei. Dort wurde Pharao ertrankt, hier aber der Taufel. Dort gingen die Egypter zu Grund, hier aber der alte Mensch der Sünden. Seite 123. Desgleichen dasjenige was zuvor aus Socrates gemeldet worden ist, von einem Juden der auf seinem Krankenbette zur Kirche gebracht und auf seinen Glauben getauft wurde, darin wollen wir es nicht ruhen oder anpreisen, dasz man die Kranke möge taufen, wo mehr Fürcht des Todes als Hoffnung des Lebens ist. Seite 145. Was den Ort angeht wo man taufte, war dieser nicht ein Taufstein oder Waschfasz, sondern in den Wusten hin und her, an den Strömen, namlich, dasz man muszte niederknien und in oder unter das Wasser hinuntersteigen: Diese Art zu taufen, welche bei den Alten Eintauchung oder Untertauchung genannt wurde, ist sehr lange, ja bis auf unsere gegenwärtige Zeit unterhalten worden, besonders von den Völkern in dem Morgen- und Abendländern, welche das griechische Wortchen Baptisma Taufe, oder Baptizo taufen, also verstanden haben, dasz damit allein eine gänzliche Eintauchung oder Untertauchung in das Wasser zu erkennen gegeben werde. Man hat aber gefunden, dasz nach der Redensart der griechischen Sprache, mit denselben Worten nicht allein eine Eintauchung oder Untertauchung verstanden wird, sondern auch das Waschen und Besprengen mit Wasser.

Seite 293 lesen wir von drei griechischen Christen, welche von Thessalonich um das Jahr 1540 zu der Mennoniten Gemeine in Deutschland ausgesandt wurden, von welchen sie Nachricht erhielten, dasz sie ihnen im Glauben ähnlich waren. Diese Thessalonicher hinterlieszen bei den Mennoniten ihr Glaubensbekenntnis, welches in der Juni Nummer 1865 des "herold der Wahrheit" zu finden ist, in welchem der Artikel von der Taufe lautet: "Wir bekennen eine Taufe auf den Glauben und keine Kindertaufe und verstehen, dasz der Taufling im Wasser stehen soll wie Christus im Jordan; also wird er getauft im Namen des Vaters, des Sohnes und des heiligen Geistes." Diese Thessalonicher berichten, dasz die Gemeine Gottes zu Thessalonicha, von der Apostel Zeit an noch unverändert im Glauben geblieben sei, und dasz sie die Briefe, welche der Apostel Paulus mit eigener Hand geschrieben, noch in guter Verwahrung hatten. In dem Inhalt dieses Jahrhunderts wird gemeldet, dasz die Christen innerhalb Thessalonich mehr als 30 Versammlungs-Häuser hatten. Die Turken im Gegentheil nur drei.

Im 2. Theil des M. Spiegels, Seite 139 lesen wir von Annetgen Anthennis, welche in ihrer Verhörung sagte, sie sei in Arent Willens Hause, auf dem Holzplatz getauft worden. Seite 140 Stytgen Jons Tochter sagt, sie sei in dem Hause einem der sich Girret genannt, getauft worden. Seite 366 lesen wir von Paes Dirks, welcher in seiner Verhörung sagte, dasz derjenige der ihn taufte solches im Namen des Herrn, des Vaters, des Sohns und des heiligen Geistes gethan habe, und dasz ihm das Wasser aus einer Schüssel über das Haupt gegossen wurde; dasz solches zu Rotterdam in einem Hause auf einem groszen Speicher geschehen sei. Dirk Jacobs bekannte, er sei mit einem Gerber in einem Hause getauft worden. Aus dem Vorhergehenden sehen wir, dasz ein Gesetz geschrieben ist vom Baden mit Wasser, welches wir waschen verstehen, wie auch der Befehl war an Naemen, gehe hin und wasche dich und er taufte sich. Und der Herr durch den Propheten spricht waschen. Johannes taufte Jesus mit seinen Jüngern. Wollen wir annehmen, dasz Taufen Waschen ist, wie bei Naeman zu sehen ist, und von den Martyrern waschen genannt wird, so sehen wir auch oder hören von andern dasz begossen wurde und unter Begieszen und Besprengen auch Waschen verstehen. Eine gänzliche Eintauchung werden wohl alle waschen heissen. Verstehen wir Jesus mit Petro, Joh. 13, nicht ein gänzlich waschen, da Petrus Hände und Haupt nennet, so verstehen wir doch damit das Haupt und die Füsse. Wollen wir dem Bekenntnis der Thessalonicher glauben, dann ist Jesus stehend im Jordan getauft worden, dann mochten wir wohl annehmen, dasz ihm das haupt begossen oder gewaschen wurde. Im Evangelium aber haben wir kein ausgedrucktes Wort, auf welche Art die Taufe bedient worden ist, ohne dasz das Gesetz bis auf Johannes gereicht hat.

Ueber den Ort da getauft oder gewaschen wurde, haben wir den Buchstaben, dasz es im Jordan geschehen sei, bei den Wassern in Salem, in den Wüsten, und an Strömen und Brünnen, in der Kirche, auf dem Felse, in Häusern, auch auf dem Speicher eines Hauses.

Wollen wir annehmen, dasz das Begieszen und Besprengen wovon Jesaias und Hesekiel schreiben, zu jener Zeit nicht gesetzlich war oder unter das Gesetz gehörte, und welches nach meiner Ansicht zur damaligen Zeit keinem Menschen befohlen war, denn der Herr sagt, er will es selbst thun, und sich seiner Heerde selbst annehmen, und will ihnen einen einigen Hirten erwecken der sie weiden soll, nämlich mein Knecht David, der wird sie weiden und soll ihr Hirte sein. Jesus ist der Hirte für die Schaaf geschlagen wurde. Mar. 14. "Ich bin ein guter Hirte, ein guter Hirte lasset sein leben für die Schaaf. Joh. 10.

Wenn wir in der Wassentaufe auf Ort und Mode dringen, und ein Jeder hierinnen sein eigenes suchen und mit Geringschätzung auf den andern sieher, dann werden wir in Gefahr laufen, dasz uns die Worte Pauli treffen, wo er sagt, sintemal Eifer, Zank und Zwietracht unter euch sind, seid ihr denn nicht fleischlich und wandelt nach menschlicher Weise.

Wenn wir aber die Sache geistlich ansehen, dann werden wir finden den, dasz Baden, Waschen, Taufen, Gieszen und Sprengen einen göttlichen Sinn hat, und daher auch wohl nur eine Taufe genannt werden mag. Weil ein Jedes nach seiner Art, Weise oder Mode befohlen wurde und an unterschiedlichen Orten bedient worden ist zur Ehre, Lob, Preis und Wohlgefallen dem, dessen Stuhl der Himmel und dessen Fuszbank die Erde ist. Jess. 66. und zum Trost, Auferbauung und Freude aller Glaubigen und buszfertigen, wovon Jesaias und Hesekiel schreiben, vom Herrn selbst ist, und eine Weissagung ist auf die Gnade, und den wahren Hirten und das Königreich Jesu Christi, der uns seines himmlischen Vaters Willen vom Himmel gebracht hat und sein Testament mit seinem Blut befestiget, und durch seine Kraft und Allmacht den Teufel, Sünde, Tod und Hölle überwunden hat, triumphirend als ein König aller Königen und Herr aller Herren, von den Todten auferstanden war, hatte er sein elf Jünger auf einen Berg beschieden, da sprach er zu ihnen, mir ist gegeben alle Gewalt im Himmel und auf Erden, darum gehet hin und lehret alle Völker und taufet die im Namen des Vaters, des Sohnes und des heiligen Geistes, und lehret die halten alles was ich euch befohlen habe, und siehe ich bin bei euch alle Tage bis an der Welt Ende. Er segnete sie, hob seine Hände auf und fuhr auf gen Himmel. Weil nun der Befehl von Jesu, zu taufen geistlich ist und über alle Völker gehet und in demselben weder Ort, Art oder Weise beschrieben ist, darum mögen wir wohl einig und zufrieden sein mit dem siebenten Artikel unsers Glaubens-Bekenntnisses, in welchem weder der Ort wo, noch die Art und Weise wie, das Wasser bei der Taufe gebraucht werden soll, festgesetzt ist. Welches Glaubens-Bekenntnis beschlossen und verordnet wurde, zu einer Zeit da die wehrlosen Christen viel zertrennt waren, und dadurch der Frieden hergestellt und das Licht auf den Leuchter gesetzt wurde, zum Trost und Freude der wehrlosen Christenheit, und zum Ruhm, Lob, Preis, Ehr und Dank dem groszen Hirten der Schaaf, Jesum Christum welchem sei Lob, Preis und Ehre, von nun an bis in Ewigkeit. Amen.

Nacherinnerung:--Vierzig Hahre wurden zugebracht, und sind dehin geflossen, bis endlich der Frieden und die Einigkeit Anno 1632 verordnet worden ist zum Bedenken aller Arbeiter im Hause Gottes.

Anmerkung.--Folgende Einladung wurde nach der Versammlung von einer groszen Anzahl der Diener anempfohlen:

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Und Zuspruch an alle Glaubensgenossen und besonders an alle Mit-Diener die in gleichem Glauben mit uns stehen, und welche wünschen und begehren, und auch gesonnen sind den Rath und Sinn des Evangeliums zu befolgen, und zu jagen nach dem Frieden und der Heiligung, ohne welche Niemand den Herrn sehen wird.

HISTORY OF THE OLD ORDER AMISH OF SOMERSET COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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Somerset County Amish settlement was started in about 1760. There were three settlements, namely Conemaugh, (by many people known as Johnstown, now Mennonites) and the Glades, which were also in some ways a part of our Elk Lick or River District, as they helped each other spiritually. Peter Livengood was the pioneer settler of Elk Lick (now Salisbury Post Office, but still Elk Lick Township). Christian (Schmidt) Miller was the first leader of the River District. The Glades and River Districts were about twenty miles apart. Also, it is said Bishop Jacob Mast had charge of all Pennsylvania Old Order Amish churches, but possibly only a short time as there is history of their soon having other leaders. It appears to have been organized in the late Seventeen Hundreds. Reason for the name River District, we are located in the Casselman River Valley. Early settlers' names were Livengood, Beuchley, Peter, Bitsche, Gnagey, Berky and our ancestor, John Hochstetler. In 1787 Bishop Jacob Miller came from Berks County and led our district and in 1809 his son Benedict Miller was ordained Bishop. In 1837 there was an Amish Ministers' Conference at which time two others signed with Miller, Yost Yoder and Hannes Gingerich. After Benedict's death there was Jonas Beachy until his death in 1878. Joel J. Miller was ordained by lot November 13, 1887. In the same year the district was divided into two districts, Maryland and Pennsylvania Districts, the Mason and Dixon line being the dividing line. It seems in about 1854 Joel Beachy was ordained bishop and in 1879 Joel Beachy ordained Manassas Beachy to lead the Pennsylvania flock. In 1881 four meeting houses were built, two in Maryland and two in Pennsylvania. In 1894 trouble began concerning education. Some of the young men started to go to D. H. Bender's Normal School to prepare to teach. Sunday School was another issue, also the Ban and in 1895 there was a split.

Now the reason for meeting houses was coal miners, many were foreigners, mostly Italians and of course they flocked in for dinner. At David Yoders', Bishop Joe Yoder's grandfather, they pushed a man off the porch and it broke his arm. Out in Maryland at Peter Kinsingers' they rode out from town and turned their horses into the meadow when the grass was ready to cut, damaged apple trees, etc., so it was decided to build plain houses. They are not painted inside but white outside. and there is a stable for the horses. Men folk sit on one side and women on the other. (to be continued)

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Ist es denn nicht klar genug, dasz nach des Herrn Wort ohne ein Willen und Begehren und ernsthaftes Streben, ja ein wahrhaftiges Jagen nach einem wahren brüderlichen Frieden, und christlicher Liebe und Einigkeit, nimmermehr ein Frieden oder Heiligung erlangt werden wird? Den Friedfertigen, das ist denen die allezeit fertig und willig sind den Frieden von ganzem Herzen zu suchen, ist die Seligkeit verheissen. Wo aber ist in der heiligen Schrift einiger Trost oder Verheissung für solche die den Frieden weder suchen noch begehren? Wie darf denn Jemand behaupten, es sei Gottes Willen, dasz solche Spaltungen unter uns entstehen? Da doch Paulus schreibt: Lasset nicht Spaltungen unter wuch sein, sondern haltet fest an einander, in einerlei Simm und in einerlei Meinung. So einer sagt: Ich bin Paulisch: der andere: Ich bin Appolisch; seid ihr denn nicht fleischlich. Und Rom. am 8. Die aber fleischlich sind mögen Gott nicht gefallen. Unsere Absicht ist nicht Jemand zu beschuldigen oder Vorwürfe zu machen, sondern allein die Wahrheit zu vertheidigen.

Wir begehren Diener-Versammlungen mit allen Glaubengenossen zu halten, die nach dem Evangelium leben und wandeln, welches fordort dasz wir nach dem Frieden jagen, das ist von ganzem Herzen darnach ringen sollen, um Frieden und Einigkeit zu stiften und den Wohlstand der Gemeinde zu befördern, wie solches unsere Vorvater die Martyrer auch gethan haben; wie solches genugsam in der Christenpflicht zu lesen ist, dasz schon im Jahr 1557 Konferenz gehalten wurde, in der Mitte der grausamsten Verfolgungszeit, allwo 50 Diener bei einander versammelt waren um wegen dem Wohlstand der Gemeinde zu handeln. Und dasz nachher öfters Diener-Versammlungen gehalten wurden und viele Jahre verflossen sind, ehe und bevor sie sich auf das Glaubens-Bekenntnis vereinigen konnten, welchen im Jahr 1632 zu Dortrech in Holland, aufgesetzt wurde, und welches zu jener Zeit von den Gemeinden überhaupt angenommen worden, und welches wir auch für recht und evangelisch erkennen.

Wir begehren uns abermals im Namen des Herrn zu versammeln, um uns unter einander mundlich zu untersuchen, und in Liebe und sanftmüthigem Geist zu berichten. Und in allen Dingen des Herrn Wort zur Richtschnur nehmen, und wie der Apostel Paulus sagt: Allesammt unter einander unterthan sein, und fest an der Demuth halten.

Hierzu wolle uns helfen der Gott der Liebe und des Friedens durch die theure Verdienste Jesu Christi, Amen.

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